

280TH PROTECTIVE ORDER COURT DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC



Due to COVID-19, the hearings are being held virtually via the Zoom app

TO PREPARE FOR COURT:

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Download the free Zoom app on your device.

Familiarize yourself with the different features on Zoom (mute button, chat function, and more).



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Scan the QR code for further instructions on court procedure while using Zoom:



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Contact the agency/attorney who is assisting you with the filing of the Protective Order before your court date to:



- Inform them if the Respondent has bothered you in any way since you last spoke to them.
- Request that an advocate accompany you to court (if you wish it).
- Inform them if any of your addresses have changed.

THE DAY OF COURT:

Find a quiet place to sit down and set up your device. You will need to be alone.

Log into the Zoom meeting 15 minutes early to make sure your device is working correctly.

Make sure you sign in using your full legal name. You will be placed in a waiting room.

Mute yourself when you are admitted in the courtroom and pay attention to the Judge's instructions.

One of the following could take place with your case:

DEFAULT HEARING: This means that although the Respondent was served, the Respondent did not show up to court. You will have a hearing in front of the Judge. The Judge will decide on whether you are granted a protective order.

CONTESTED HEARING: The Respondent is in court and is not agreeing to a protective order. There will be a hearing in front of the Judge. The Respondent (or the attorney representing him/her) may ask you questions. The Judge will decide whether you are granted a protective order.

AGREEMENT: The Respondent has agreed to the protective order being in effect. There will be a short hearing in front of the Judge to enter the agreed protective order officially on the court's record.

NOTE: If your case is reset, the Judge/attorneys will explain the reason to you.

If you believe you are in danger, please call 911.