

Chicago Domestic Violence Attorneys

Questions About Restraining Orders? We Can Help.

When there are issues of family abuse - or allegations of abuse - there are potentially two legal matters ahead. Criminal or divorce cases involving domestic violence generally overlap family law cases involving restraining orders. Therefore, whether you need help protecting yourself from abuse or help avoiding a conviction and restraining order consequences, it is beneficial to have an attorney experienced in both areas of the law.

At the [Katz Law Office](#), in Chicago, Illinois, we provide caring family law services as well as aggressive criminal defense. Therefore, we are capable of addressing all of our client's legal needs. In addition, because we speak fluent Spanish, we can help many people who would face challenges hiring any other lawyer.

Hablamos Español. We offer experienced legal advice in language you understand. [Contact](#) our attorneys to schedule an initial consultation.

Informative Restraining Order/Domestic Violence Advice

Under Illinois domestic violence laws, spouses, children, former partners, family members, or housemates can seek protection from abuse by filing for a restraining order. **Domestic abuse** involves physical abuse as well as harassment, emotional/psychological abuse, intimidation, and other forms of abuse. Victims of abuse may submit an **immediate petition for an order of protection** - which occurs without the other person present.

Restraining orders and orders of protection are temporary until a hearing is held (within 2 days to three weeks). However, they can have a grave impact on the entire family. Temporary protection orders can result in the person filing for protection being granted the following:

- Exclusive possession of the home or residence
- Immediate possession of the children (temporary child custody)
- Temporary child support payments
- Temporary spousal maintenance payments
- Return of specific property

Individuals served with a restraining order have a right to a hearing within three weeks. However, with the help of an experienced lawyer, this hearing can be expedited to two days from the issuance of the restraining order. At this hearing, it will be determined if the restraining order should be dismissed or honored - and extended up to two years. We represent both petitioners and respondents in restraining order matters.

[**Contact**](#) the experienced family law and criminal defense lawyers at Katz Law Office to take advantage of your **initial consultation** regarding your restraining order case. We are conveniently located on Cermak Road at Western Avenue, just 2 blocks south of the Western Avenue CTA Pink Line "El" stop.

Hablamos Español - Our Chicago lawyers speak fluent Spanish and can guide you throughout the legal process in plain language that you can understand.