

Domestic Violence

New Jersey law provides critical protection for victims of domestic violence, and our family law team provides immediate and compassionate legal assistance to those facing such challenging circumstances. We also provide a robust defense for individuals who have been falsely accused of domestic violence, understanding the severe impact such allegations can have on their lives.

Under the New Jersey Prevention of Domestic Violence Act, domestic violence is defined by the occurrence of specific criminal acts against a person who is protected under the statute. These protected individuals include people who are or have been married, are living together or have lived together, have a child in common, are expecting a child together, or are in a dating relationship.

For those experiencing domestic violence, our attorneys provide swift action and legal protection to help secure our client's safety and well-being. We assist in filing for a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO), which can prohibit the alleged abuser from having any contact with you, your children, or certain locations (like a home or workplace). A judge can issue a TRO *ex parte* without the accused present if there is sufficient evidence to believe that domestic violence has occurred and the victim is in immediate danger. Within approximately 10 days of a TRO being issued, a Final Restraining Order (FRO) hearing is generally scheduled, at which we present our client's case with supporting evidence, witness statements and other relevant information in order to secure or defend against a permanent FRO. If a TRO or FRO is violated, we work with law enforcement to ensure immediate enforcement, which may lead to criminal charges against the violator.

Domestic violence allegations may involve underlying criminal charges, including claims of assault and harassment. Our firm can also represent clients in related criminal proceedings, working to defend against criminal charges and protect their record.

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