

AAUW Poughkeepsie Court Watch Program
FAMILY COURT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CASES

Monitor's Name		Case #	
Petitioner's Name		Petitioner's Atty	
Respondent's Name		Respondent's Atty	
		Child(ren)'s Atty	

1. Date _____
2. Judge's name _____
3. Relationship of petitioner/respondent Intimate (or ex-) partners Family members Other
4. Children involved Yes No Witnessed DV
5. Advocate present Yes No Unknown
6. CPS (Child Protective Agency) Involved Present Not applicable
7. Beginning of Proceedings: Judge began by clearly presenting the specific issues before him/her that day Yes No

8. ORDER OF PROTECTION – INITIAL PETITION

9. Gender of petitioner Female Male Agency
10. Is it a counter-petition filed by the alleged abuser? Yes No
11. OP issued Yes: full stay-away Yes: limited No _____

12. PROCEEDINGS

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Judge cited key items of OP* | <input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner informed of available and appropriate services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner questioned about firearms | <input type="checkbox"/> Judge instructed petitioner on obtaining attorney |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Judge asked about other criminal matters | <input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner instructed on procedure in the case of violations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner informed of Expiration Date | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Comments: _____

13. ORDER OF PROTECTION – FIRST APPEARANCE OF RESPONDENT (may include actions listed in # 15)

14. PROCEEDINGS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Judge cited key items of OP* | <input type="checkbox"/> Judge acknowledged domestic violence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent questioned about firearms | <input type="checkbox"/> Judge instructed parties on obtaining attorneys |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Judge asked about other criminal matters | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Comments: _____

15. ORDER OF PROTECTION – FURTHER PROCEEDINGS (mark only those actions taken today)

16. ACTIONS TAKEN

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Modification of an existing OP | <input type="checkbox"/> Order was dropped by judge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Order was withdrawn by petitioner | <input type="checkbox"/> Against victim's wishes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Judge ordered evaluations (list type below) for → | <input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent <input type="checkbox"/> child(ren) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Judge ordered counseling (list type below) for → | <input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent <input type="checkbox"/> Child(ren) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent referred to DAAC | <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent referred to Anger Management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mediation recommended → | <input type="checkbox"/> Mediation Center of DC <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Petition settled by ACD (explain below) | <input type="checkbox"/> Petition settled by both parties (explain below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Violation reported: consequences applied | <input type="checkbox"/> Violation reported: consequences NOT applied |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Violation reported: reporting party was reprimanded | <input type="checkbox"/> Other – Explain _____ |

Comments _____

17. CUSTODY (mark only those actions taken today)

18. Was custody of any kind awarded to the alleged abuser? Yes: Full/Sole Yes: Joint
No: but is part of decision making process No
19. It is: Decided by judge By settlement of both parties
A modification to an existing order Temporary Permanent
20. Reason given: _____
Comments: _____

21. VISITATION (mark only those actions taken today)

22. Was visitation of any kind awarded to the alleged abuser? Yes No
23. It is: Decided by judge By settlement of both parties A modification to an existing order
Temporary Permanent Supervised visits in private or agency program
Supervised visits with agreed-upon 3rd party Unsupervised visits
24. Reason given: _____
Comments: _____

25. COURTROOM ISSUES (EXPLAIN ALL ITEMS CHECKED)

- Alienation: Parental alienation (or PAS) mentioned in any way by any party
- Attitude: Judge Attorneys Court Officers exhibited demeaning attitude. Other _____
- Audibility/ Distraction: The proceedings are compromised (reason)_____
- Clarity: Parties do NOT appear to understand the proceedings
- Firearms: Possession acknowledged by either party but NOT removed in the order
- No-shows: Parties expected are NOT in attendance (title of absentee)_____
- Petition not served
- Professionalism: NOT serious, respectful or prepared Judge Attorney CPS AFC Court Officer
- Questions: Judge did not ask if party had any questions Petitioner Respondent
Judge did not give party an opportunity to speak Petitioner Respondent
- Settlement/Resolution: Judge did not go over the settlement carefully with the parties.
- Settlement: Judge attempted to persuade/convince parties to settle the domestic violence case.
- Special needs: Accommodations NOT made for interpreter or disability
- Strangulation: Strangulation was acknowledged but NOT referred to medical services or law enforcement
- Victim input: Judge's decision conflicted, disregarded or ignored victim's concerns
- Victim safety: NOT considered in court room judge's decisions (visitation, removal of OP restrictions, etc.)

Explanation & Comments _____

26. OPTIONAL: General Observation & Recommendations: _____

***Clear explanation of Order of Protection may include:**

- Communication restrictions (phone, email, mail, text, social media)
- Physical space restrictions
- Restrictions on third party intervention (define "third party")
- Consequences if violated
- That it is an order of the court, issued by the judge, not the petitioner