

FAMILY VIOLENCE UNIT
AGREEMENT OF REPRESENTATION

I, the undersigned, do certify that I have read and understand the following:

A Protective Order is a civil, legal action which I am requesting the Brazos County Attorney's Office to bring against the Respondent.

The cost to Brazos County for the legal work in pursuing this action is much greater than the filing of \$46.00 and the Court may, by its orders, charge these fees against the Respondent.

The County Attorney's Office is not going to settle property, child custody or other disputes, but is only going to request those things which are necessary to protect me and my family from family violence.

A Temporary Protective Order may be requested to protect me until the hearing. No orders are effective until the Respondent is served with notice of this order. If I cannot provide a good address for service this suit may be refused or dismissed or there may be a delay in the service of this order.

I will be required to come to court and failure to appear for a hearing will result in this application being dismissed. I will be responsible for contacting the County Attorney's Office to determine when the case is set for a hearing. At the hearing the Respondent can agree to the Order, which will make testifying at the hearing unnecessary. Both the Respondent and I will be bound by the terms of the Agreement, or any court order entered as a result of the filing of this suit.

I understand that once a Protective Order has been signed the County Attorney's Office will not represent me in any proceedings to vacate the order or in any proceeding to change the order. If I desire, the final protective order can be drafted to merely, prohibit the Respondent from committing further violence and requiring him to participate in the Brazos Abuse Intervention Program, a 28 week program designed to prevent further violence.

The County Attorney's Office will attempt to obtain a Protective Order for my protection. Once the final Protective Order has been issued The County Attorney's representation of me with the respect to changing or modifying the Protective Order will end. **THE COUNTY ATTORNEY WILL NOT ATTEMPT TO DISMISS ANY PROTECTIVE ORDER.** Should circumstances change requiring alteration or termination of the Protective Order, I will be responsible for changing or terminating the order.

The statements I have made in this application or to the Judge are sworn. The Texas Penal Code makes it a third degree felony offense to knowingly or intentionally make a false statement about material facts in an official proceeding.

The statements made in this Application are true and correct. I understand the consequences of falsifying any information, or for bringing this suit for any reason other than for my family's protection. I will cooperate with the Brazos County Attorney's Office and all other agencies assisting me in this action.

APPLICANT

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas