Berkson-Boston Avenue Law Adds Protective Order Representation

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Berkson-Boston Avenue Law PLLC has expanded its practice to include representation in protective order cases, serving both people seeking protection and people responding to a petition filed against them in Tulsa County.

Protective orders in Oklahoma are governed by the Protection from Domestic Abuse Act and are commonly referred to as victim protective orders. They are available in cases involving domestic abuse, stalking, harassment, and certain other conduct, and depending on the circumstances, they can apply between family or household members, current or former dating partners, and in some cases people with no prior relationship at all.

The process typically moves quickly. A petitioner files with the district court, and a judge may issue an emergency ex parte order the same day based on the petition alone, before the other party has been notified or heard. That emergency order remains in place until a full hearing, which is generally scheduled within a short window after filing. At the full hearing, both sides can present evidence and testimony, and the judge decides whether to issue a final order and on what terms. Oklahoma does not charge petitioners a filing fee in these cases, and when courts are closed, emergency protection can be sought through law enforcement.

The full hearing is where representation tends to matter most. Petitioners need to present evidence that meets the legal standard, which can include text messages, photographs, medical records, police reports, and witness testimony, organized in a way the court can follow. Many petitioners are appearing in court for the first time, often while under significant stress, and preparing testimony in advance helps them describe what happened clearly and accurately.

Respondents face a different set of stakes, and the firm represents them as well. A final protective order can remain in effect for years. It can affect where a person lives, contact with children, child custody proceedings, employment that involves background checks, and the right to possess firearms, since federal law prohibits firearm possession by people subject to certain qualifying orders. Violating an order is a criminal offense

regardless of whether the respondent agrees with it. Anyone served with a petition should read it carefully, follow the emergency order exactly as written, avoid contact with the petitioner even if invited, and seek legal advice before the hearing date.

Protective orders frequently intersect with other legal matters, including divorce, custody, and criminal charges arising from the same events. Statements made in one proceeding can affect another, which is a reason to coordinate strategy across cases rather than handle each in isolation.

People in immediate danger should call 911. Those seeking support, safety planning, or help filing a petition can also contact the Oklahoma SafeLine or the Family Safety Center in Tulsa, which provides advocacy and services for people experiencing domestic violence and can assist with the protective order process at no cost.

Anyone considering hiring a protective order attorney in Tulsa is encouraged to act before the full hearing date rather than after, since evidence gathering and witness preparation take time and the hearing may be set within days.

People meeting with the firm are encouraged to bring any court paperwork they have received or filed, along with copies of messages, photographs, police reports, and a written timeline of events with approximate dates. A timeline prepared while details are fresh is often one of the most useful documents in a case.

This release is general information and not legal advice. Every case depends on its specific facts, and contacting the firm does not by itself create an attorney-client relationship. Consultations are handled confidentially.

Consultation requests with a protective order attorney in Tulsa are available through the Berkson-Boston Avenue Law PLLC website.

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