

Domestic Violence Representation Project

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To request help, apply online 24/7 at

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anytime
or call

**1-888-LSNJ-LAW
(1-888-576-5529)**

Monday to Friday
8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**If you cannot speak English, we
will provide an interpreter.**



ABOUT LSNJ

Legal Services of New Jersey (LSNJ) coordinates New Jersey's statewide Legal Services system, providing free legal assistance in civil matters to people with limited income. If you have a legal problem and think that your income may qualify you to become a Legal Services client, call the LSNJLAWSM Hotline at 1-888-576-5529.

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Since 1966



**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
REPRESENTATION
PROJECT (DVRP)**

Advocating for victims of abuse

WHAT IS LSNJ'S DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REPRESENTATION PROJECT (DVRP)?

The DVRP provides advice to low-income New Jerseyans who suffer from abuse. Representation may be offered in family court cases where a victim is seeking a restraining or protective order.

WHAT IS PDVA?

The New Jersey Prevention of Domestic Violence Act (PDVA) makes it possible for a victim of abuse by a spouse/former spouse, household member (current or former), dating partner, or co-parent to get a temporary restraining order in family court that can later become final. It prohibits the abuser from having any contact with the victim or going to specific locations.

WHAT IS VASPA?

New Jersey's Victim's Assistance and Survivor Protection Act (VASPA) makes it possible for a victim of specific crimes, without a relationship mentioned in the PDVA above, to get a temporary protective order in family court that can later become final.

CRIMES UNDER PDVA

PDVA outlines 19 crimes of domestic violence that may enable a victim to get a restraining order:

assault, burglary, contempt of a domestic violence restraining order, criminal coercion, criminal mischief, criminal restraint, criminal sexual contact, criminal trespass, cyber-harassment, false imprisonment, harassment, homicide, kidnapping, lewdness, robbery, sexual assault, stalking, terroristic threats, any other crime involving risk of death or serious bodily injury

Learn more at <https://lsnj.pub/LSNJLAW-DV>

CRIMES UNDER VASPA

VASPA outlines the crimes that may enable a victim to get a protective order:

sexual penetration, sexual contact, lewdness, cyber-harassment, stalking

Learn more at <https://lsnj.pub/VASPA>

Restraining orders and protective orders have similar procedures and protections. An attorney from the DVRP can help explain your rights under both of these laws.

OTHER HELPFUL RESOURCES

LSNJ's legal information website, www.LSNJLAW.org, includes articles, videos, publications, court forms, podcasts, and a range of community resources for low-income New Jerseyans.

