

PRO BONO RESTRAINING ORDER PROJECT

Hartford & Rockville

The PBRO Project provides limited scope representation to victims/survivors of domestic violence at restraining order hearings. The program utilizes the generous support and skills of volunteer attorneys who are committed to providing these services. As domestic violence knows no economic, social, racial or gender identity boundaries, neither does the PBRO Project. The program accepts all referrals limited only by attorney availability.

PBRO Project Process:

- The referral must be made through a CCADV member organization. In the Hartford & Rockville judicial district areas, that is Interval House and The Network respectively.
- The domestic violence advocate completes a referral form, combined with other advocacy services.
- The volunteer attorney meets with the victim/survivor either in person, virtually or telephonically and if the client determines that pursuing the restraining order is in her or his best interest, the attorney and client prepare for the hearing.
- The attorney and victim/survivor attend the hearing supported by the domestic violence advocate.
- The attorney files a completion of limited scope Appearance and the victim/survivor continues to receive services and resources. The representation services are limited in scope to representation at the restraining order hearing and does not include representation with other legal proceedings.
- Coordination of translation and interpretation services if needed.

Assistance Available:

The PBRO Project does not provide assistance with the application process, but as always, domestic violence advocates are available to assist with the application process, safety planning, and other advocacy services.

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Hartford/Rockville
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