

Kinds of Orders and Special Language Helpful for Immigrant Survivors (NW Immigrant Rights Project)

Helpful Language for Protection Orders:

- Ordering abuser to provide documentation necessary for the survivor's immigration application (Includes evidence of abuser's status, of legal/good faith marriage, family member's immigration documents, and joint residence.)
- Ordering the abuser not to take the children out of the United States and to turn over the children's passports to the Respondent

Sample Language Requiring Production of Documents and Ongoing Cooperation with Immigration Authorities

"[T]he husband shall relinquish possession and/or use of the wife's pocketbook, wallet, working permit, ID Card, bank card, Social Security card, passport and any other item of the children's personal belongings, table, four chairs and dishes....the husband shall not withdraw the application for permanent residence that he had filed on behalf of the wife."
Maldonado v. Maldonado, 631 A.2d 40 (D.C. 1993)

Sample Language Prohibiting Contact with Immigration Authorities

"Respondent is **RESTRAINED AND PROHIBITED** from contacting any agency regarding Ms. X's immigration status, including but not limited to the Department of Homeland Security (Citizenship and Immigration Services, Immigration and Customs Enforcement or Customs and Border Protection), the Executive Office of Immigration Review (the immigration court system), or the Department of State. Any contact Respondent believes to be necessary must first be approved by this court through the undersigned judge/department."