



State of Rhode Island Judiciary

Superior Court

Petition for Abusive Litigation

Petitioner	Civil Action File Number
Respondent	

1. I reside in the city/town of _____ in the State of _____.

2. The other party resides in the city/town of _____ in the State of _____.

3. Please check one (1) of the following:

- The parties have a current or former family or household member relationship which is _____;
or
- There has been a civil order or criminal conviction determining that the other party stalked or sexually assaulted me.

4. The other party has been found by a court to have abused, stalked, or sexually assaulted me pursuant to (please check one (1) of the following):

- A final protection order entered pursuant to G.L. 1956 §§ 8-8.1-3 or 15.5-19 **(a copy of the document is attached)**;
- A no contact order entered pursuant to G.L. 1956 § 12-29-4 **(a copy of the document is attached)**;
- A final sexual assault protective order entered pursuant to G.L. 1956 § 11-37.2-2 **(a copy of the document is attached)**;
- A final foreign abuse prevention order entered pursuant to G.L. 1956 § 12-29-1.1 **(a copy of the document is attached)**;
- A final order for alimony or custody of children, entered pursuant to G.L. 1956 § 15-5-16 **(a copy of the document is attached)**;

- A criminal conviction or plea of nolo contendere, in this state or any other jurisdiction for any of the crimes enumerated in G.L. 1956 § 12-29-2 or a filing for any domestic violence offense enumerated in this chapter (**a copy of the document is attached**);
- A pending criminal charge, in this state or any other jurisdiction, of domestic violence, where the court has imposed criminal conditions of release pertaining to the safety of the victim (**a copy of the document is attached**); or
- A signed affidavit from a domestic violence or sexual assault advocate or counselor working on behalf of an agency that assists victims of domestic violence and sexual assault (**a copy of the document is attached**).

5. The other party has:

- Filed against or caused to be served on me a summons, complaint, petition, motion, notice of court date, or an order to appear (**a copy of the document is attached**); or
- Filed against or caused to be served on me a subpoena, subpoena duces tecum, interrogatories, request for production of documents, notice of deposition, or other discovery request (**a copy of the document is attached**).

6. The primary purpose of the above-described filing or service is to abuse, harass, intimidate, or threaten me or to maintain contact with me.

Wherefore, I request an order restricting the abusive litigation, an award of attorney’s fees, costs, and any further relief this honorable court determines to be just.

Signature of the Plaintiff or the Plaintiff’s Attorney /s/ _____	Date
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