

Superior Court of the District of Columbia

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNIT
500 INDIANA AVENUE, N.W. ROOM 4510
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20001

SUBPOENA IN A CIVIL PROTECTION ORDER CASE

PETITIONER

V.

CASE NO. _____

RESPONDENT

SUBPOENA REQUESTED BY

PETITIONER RESPONDENT

TO: _____

- YOU ARE COMMANDED to appear in this Court at the place, date, and time specified below to testify in the above case.**

COURTROOM	DATE	TIME
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- YOU ARE COMMANDED to appear at the place, date, and time specified below to testify at the taking of a deposition in the above case.**

COURTROOM	DATE	TIME
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Any organization not a party to this suit that is subpoenaed for the taking of a deposition shall designate one or more officers, directors, or managing agents, or other persons who consent to testify on its behalf, and may set forth, for each person designated, the matters on which the person will testify. Super. Ct. Civ. R. 30(b)(6)

- YOU ARE COMMANDED to produce and permit inspection copying of the following documents or objects at the place, date, and time specified below (*list documents or objects*):**

DOCUMENTS OR OBJECTS		
PLACE OF PRODUCTION	DATE	TIME

- YOU ARE COMMANDED to permit inspection of the following premises at the date and time specified below.**

PREMISES	DATE	TIME
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ISSUING ATTORNEY'S SIGNATURE AND TITLE	DATE
ISSUING ATTORNEY'S NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER	An attorney as an officer of the court may issue and sign a subpoena.
PARTY REQUESTING SUBPEONA <input type="checkbox"/> PETITIONER <input type="checkbox"/> RESPONDENT	
SIGNATURE OF THE CLERK	DATE
A party not represented by an attorney may obtain a blank subpoena from the clerk, complete it and submit it to the clerk to be signed. The clerk may sign the subpoena if it relates to a case in which action is pending; otherwise the clerk shall refer the subpoena to a judicial officer for consideration.	
SIGNATURE OF JUDGE	DATE
Judicial authorization for medical records is required.	

PROOF OF SERVICE

DATE OF SERVICE	TIME OF SERVICE	PLACE OF SERVICE
SERVED ON (PRINT NAME AND TITLE, IF ANY)		MANNER OF SERVICE: (ATTACH RETURN RECEIPT IF SERVICE WAS MADE BY REGISTERED OR CERTIFIED MAIL) I served the subpoena by delivering a copy to the named person as follows:

DECLARATION OF SERVER		
I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the District of Columbia that I am at least 18 years of age and not a party to the above entitled cause and that the foregoing information contained in the Proof of Service is true and correct.		
SIGNATURE OF SERVER	PRINT NAME OF SERVER	DATE EXECUTED
ADDRESS OF SERVER		

SUPERIOR COURT RULE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE 45(c)-(d)

(c) Protection of persons subject to subpoenas.

(1) A party or an attorney responsible for the issuance and service of a subpoena shall take reasonable steps to avoid imposing undue burden or expense on a person subject to that subpoena. The Court shall enforce this duty and impose upon the party or attorney in breach of this duty an appropriate sanction, which may include, but is not limited to, lost earnings and a reasonable attorney's fee.

(2)(A) A person commanded to produce and permit inspection and copying of designated books, papers, documents or tangible things or inspection of premises need not appear in person at the place of production or inspection unless commanded to appear for deposition, hearing or trial.

(B) Subject to paragraph (d)(2) of this Rule, a person commanded to produce and permit inspection and copying may, within 14 days after service of the subpoena or before the time specified for compliance if such time is less than 14 days after service, serve upon the party or attorney designated in the subpoena written objection to inspection or copying of any or all of the designated materials or of the premises. If objection is made, the party serving the subpoena shall not be entitled to inspect and copy the materials or inspect the premises except pursuant to an order of the Court. If objection has been made, the party serving the subpoena may, upon notice to the person commanded to produce, move at any time for an order to compel the production. Such an order to compel production shall protect any person who is not a party or an officer of a party from significant expense resulting from the inspection and copying commanded.

(3)(A) On timely motion, the Court shall quash or modify the subpoena if it

(i) fails to allow reasonable time for compliance;

(ii) requires a person who is not a party or an officer of a party to travel to a place more than 25 miles from the place where that person resides, is employed or regularly transacts business in person, except that, subject to the provisions of clause (c)(3)(B)(iii) of this Rule, such a person may in order to attend trial be commanded to travel from any such place to the place of trial, or

(iii) requires disclosure of privileged or other protected matter and no exception or waiver applies, or

(iv) subjects a person to undue burden.

(B) If a subpoena

(i) requires disclosure of a trade secret or other confidential research, development, or commercial information, or

(ii) requires disclosure of an unretained expert's opinion or information not describing specific events or occurrences in dispute and resulting from the expert's study made not at the request of any party, or

(iii) requires a person who is not a party or an officer of a party to incur substantial expense to travel more than 25 miles to attend trial, the Court may, to protect a person subject to or affected by the subpoena, quash or modify the subpoena or, if the party in whose behalf the subpoena is issued shows a substantial need for the testimony or material that cannot be otherwise met without undue hardship and assures that the person to whom the subpoena is addressed will be reasonably compensated, the Court may order appearance or production only upon specified conditions.

(d) Duties in responding to subpoena.

(1) A person responding to a subpoena to produce documents shall produce them as they are kept in the usual course of business or shall organize and label them to correspond with the categories in the demand.

(2) When information subject to a subpoena is withheld on a claim that it is privileged or subject to protection as trial preparation materials, the claim shall be made expressly and shall be supported by a description of the nature of the documents, communications, or things not produced that is sufficient to enable the demanding party to contest the claim.