CIVIL HARASSMENT RESTRAINING ORDERS

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

The Court prefers that you type the forms, but you may print them legibly in <u>blue</u> or <u>black</u> ink only. Fill in your name, address and phone number in the upper left box. Depending on which court you file in, the correct heading for the court is:

Stockton Branch 222 E. Weber Ave., Room 303 PO Box 201022 Stockton, CA 95201-9022 (209) 992-5693 Manteca Branch 315 E. Center Street Manteca, CA 95336 (209) 239-9188 Lodi Branch 315 W. Elm Street Lodi, CA 95240 (209) 992-5522

Initial forms required to be completed and filed:

CM-010	Civil Case Cover Sheet
CLETS-001	Confidential CLETS Information
CH-100	Request for Civil Harassment Restraining Order
CH-109	Notice of Court Hearing (complete items 1 & 2 only)
CH-110	Temporary Restraining Order
	(complete items 1, 2 & 3 only to match what you requested on the CH-100 form)

File one original of each form with the clerk's office. Once the forms are checked and signed by the judge, the clerk's office will make 3 (three) certified copies for you.

Papers that are completed and filed in the clerk's office by 10 a.m. will be available for pick up between 2:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. the same day.

Filing fees: If the person you are seeking the restraining order against has used or threatened to use violence against you or has stalked you, you do not have to pay a filing fee; otherwise, you must pay the filing fee. If you cannot afford to pay the filing fee, ask the clerk how to apply for a fee waiver.

Service: The Sheriff's office will serve these papers without cost if there was violence or a credible threat of violence or if you qualify for a fee waiver. You may have anyone over the age of 18, who is not a party to the action, serve the papers or you may hire a private process server.

<u>After the hearing</u>: If you represented yourself, the CIVIL HARASSMENT RESTRAINING ORDER AFTER HEARING (CH-130) will be available for pick up 3-5 business days from your hearing date. The order must be served on the other party and a Proof of Service MUST be filed with the clerk's office.

The restraining order could last up to five years.

Resources & Self-Help:

San Joaquin County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service 20 N. Sutter St., Suite 300 (209) 948-4620 www.sicbar.org San Joaquin County Law Library 20 N. Sutter St., First Floor Stockton, CA 95202 (209) 468-3920 Family Law Facilitator/Pro Per Clinic (Clinic is for review of completed paper work only) 540 E. Main Street, Stockton CA 95202 (209) 992-5283 Hours: Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri: 8am-2pm Wed: 8am-noon *check public website for current clinic hours at: www.sjcourts.org/self-help/pro-clinic

Self-Help: <u>www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp-abuse.htm</u>

For any additional legal advice, consult with an attorney.