



## **Judicial Branch of Arizona in Maricopa County**

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## **Domestic Violence Victims Find Support Through Superior Court**

*Law Library Resource Center helps victims of domestic violence*

PHOENIX (October 18, 2021) – During the month of October, the Judicial Branch of Arizona in Maricopa County recognizes Domestic Violence Awareness Month by its continued support of assisting victims of domestic violence.

Through its four Law Library Resource Center locations throughout Maricopa County and in partnership with AZPOINT (Arizona Protective Order Initiation and Notification Tool), the Judicial Branch helps Maricopa County residents understand and navigate the process of obtaining protection orders to assist with domestic violence or harassment.

“The Law Library Resource Center is available to assist victims of domestic violence by providing the resources necessary to complete the paperwork in person or remotely. The centers have advocates available to assist those who are in need of services, such as safety planning, temporary housing or shelters, and other assistance as appropriate,” said Paula Collins, administrator of the Law Library Resource Center. “While the advocates are not court employees, they are available to provide help and resources to those seeking protective orders.”

The Judicial Branch’s Law Library Resource Center locations include Downtown Phoenix (101 W. Jefferson Street), Northeast Phoenix (18380 N. 40th Street), Surprise (14264 W. Tierra Buena Lane) and Mesa (222 E. Javelina Ave).

An alternative to visiting a Law Library Resource Center location in-person is to access AZPOINT (<https://azpoint.azcourts.gov/>) online. AZPOINT allows people seeking an order of protection, injunction against harassment or injunction against workplace harassment to conduct the process remotely. When a petitioner creates an AZPOINT user account and enters their data, a confirmation number is provided that is used to generate a petition for a protective order. The petitioner would then be directed to call the jurisdictional court to schedule a remote hearing. As a result of the hearing, a judicial officer may issue an order that will be served by law

enforcement or constable. Service of Orders of Protection by law enforcement or constable are free.

There is no fee to file a Petition for Order of Protection or to file a Petition for Injunction Against Harassment. However, a Petition for an Injunction Against Workplace Harassment has a fee of \$333.

For more information, visit <https://superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/llrc/protective-orders/> or call the Law Library Resource Center at 602-506-7353, chat with a librarian at <http://superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/llrc> or send an email to [services@jbazmc.maricopa.gov](mailto:services@jbazmc.maricopa.gov).

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