

SUPREME COURT OF ARIZONA  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

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In the Matter of:	)	
	)	Administrative Directive
MODIFICATION OF	)	<u>No. 2007 - 03</u>
PROTECTIVE ORDER FORMS	)	
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The Arizona Code of Judicial Administration (ACJA) § 5-207 authorizes the Administrative Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to approve or modify protective order forms in response to changes in state or federal laws or procedures and make other necessary administrative amendments or corrections.

Senate Bill 1286, Victims' Rights Omnibus, signed by the Governor on July 2, 2007, amends A.R.S. § 13-3602(J) and requires that by January 1, 2008, every order of protection issued by any Arizona court shall include the following warning:

Warning

This is an official court order. If you disobey this order, you will be subject to arrest and prosecution for the crime of interfering with judicial proceedings and any other crime you may have committed in disobeying this order.

Therefore, in order to comply with the amendment to A.R.S. § 13-3602(J),

IT IS DIRECTED that, effective January 1, 2008, the Order of Protection, as approved by Administrative Directive No. 2006-01, shall be amended and the warning statement, as set forth in Appendix A, shall appear on every Order of Protection issued by any Arizona court.

IT IS FURTHER DIRECTED that effective January 1, 2008, the Emergency Order of Protection, as approved by Administrative Directive No. 2006-01, shall be amended and the warning statement, as set forth in Appendix A, shall appear on every Emergency Order of Protection issued by any Arizona court.

Dated this 17th day of August, 2007.

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DAVID K. BYERS  
Administrative Director of the Courts

## APPENDIX A

### WARNING

This is an official Court Order. If you disobey this Order, you will be subject to arrest and prosecution for the crime of interfering with judicial proceedings and any other crime you may have committed in disobeying this Order.

**ADDITIONAL WARNINGS TO DEFENDANT:** Violations of this Order should be reported to a law enforcement agency, not the Court. Both parties must notify this Court if an action for dissolution (divorce), separation, annulment or paternity/maternity is filed. This is NOT a parenting time (visitation) or custody order. You must file those requests separately in Superior Court. If you disagree with this Order, you have the right to request a hearing which will be held within 5 to 10 business days after your written request has been filed in the Court that issued this Order. Nothing the Plaintiff does can stop, change, or undo this Order without the Court's written approval. You must appear in Court to ask a judge to modify (change) or quash (dismiss) this Order. **Even if the Plaintiff initiates contact, you could be arrested and prosecuted for violating this protective order. If you do not want the Plaintiff to contact you, you have the right to request a protective order against the Plaintiff.**