

EXAM # \_\_\_\_\_

**FINAL EXAMINATION**  
**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LAW**  
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**SPRING 2008**

1. You have two (2) hours to complete this exam.
2. This is a **closed** book exam.
3. This examination consists of two (2) essay questions, worth 50 points each. You are free to allocate your time as you wish.

If answering essay questions in blue books; please write on every other line, on only one side of the page.

4. Write your student exam number on your exam envelope. Put your student exam number at the top of this page, each page of questions, and each blue book. **Do not** use your name, student ID number or Social Security Number on any exam materials.
5. At the conclusion of the exam, all examination papers including the examination questions, these instructions, and all notes—must be placed back in the exam envelope. Students who do not return all exam materials at the end of the exam may not be graded. **Do not** seal the envelope.

**GOOD LUCK!**

**QUESTION 1 (50 pts):**

The local police academy asked you to come speak to a law enforcement records personnel class about domestic violence issues. Following your presentation you were approached by Linda who asked to talk with you in private. Linda's daughter Maria is 20 years old and a student at the local university. About 6 months ago she started dating Ben, also a student at the university. Recently, Maria and Ben moved in together. They signed a one-year lease for an off-campus apartment. Maria told Linda that since moving in together Ben has changed.

Maria said that Ben monitors her every move and gets very upset when she goes out with her friends. He has "pushed" her a couple times during arguments, but nothing Maria considered serious enough to warrant calling the police. He often tells her he doesn't know what he will do if she ever leaves him.

Maria and Ben work on campus in the university extension office, where they met. Maria says Ben has verbally abused her at work, reads her work e-mail, and constantly checks in on her during her work shift. She is afraid to bring this up with her supervisor because Ben has worked in the office longer and is well liked by her supervisor and other staff.

Linda doesn't think Maria wants to involve law enforcement, but really doesn't know what she should do. What basic advice would you give Linda?

**QUESTION 2 (50 pts):**

During the current legislative session Assembly member Emmerson introduced a bill that states "a law enforcement officer shall notify the appropriate local child welfare agency whenever substantial evidence exists to support a finding by the law enforcement officer that a child has been exposed to secondary abuse by witnessing an incident of domestic violence in a home in which the child resides." A few weeks after the bill introduction the language was amended to state "a law enforcement officer shall notify the appropriate local child welfare agency whenever substantial evidence exists to support a finding by the law enforcement officer that a child has been exposed to secondary abuse by witnessing an incident of domestic violence *that results in a traumatic condition being inflicted upon a custodial parent or guardian of that child.*"

As a member of your local domestic violence council legislative committee you have been asked to analyze the bill and present a report to the committee containing the pros and cons of this proposed bill and your recommendation as to whether the committee should support or oppose this bill.

**END OF EXAM!**