

**FINAL EXAMINATION  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LAW  
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1. You have 2 hours to complete this exam.
2. This is a closed book exam.
3. The exam consists of two essay questions. You are free to allocate your time as you wish. Question one is worth 50 points. Question two is worth 50 points. Answer essay questions in blue books; please write every other line, on only one side of the page.
4. Be sure to write your exam number on your exam envelope, blue books and on the exam question. **DO NOT** use your name, student ID number or Social Security Number on any exam materials.
5. At the conclusion of the exam, return all test materials, including blue books, scratch paper and this exam packet to the envelope and submit it to the proctor. **DO NOT** seal the envelope. Students who do not return all exam materials at the end of the exam may not have their exam graded.

**GOOD LUCK!**

### **QUESTION 1:**

Kelly and John have been together for six years and have two children (Kaitlyn, 4years old, and Cole, 2 years old). John has been physically and verbally abusive the last few years, but the police have never been called. In February 2007, Kelly told John she wanted to end the relationship and asked John to leave their apartment. John left temporarily and then returned a few days later and attacked Kelly. During the assault John caused some property damage to the apartment unit (damaged door and broken window). Kelly did not call the police because she was afraid of being evicted for causing a disturbance at the apartment complex. Kelly's sister, who lives in another state, is encouraging Kelly to bring the children and move in with her where it is safer.

Once a month you volunteer for "Lawyer in the Library Legal Help" at your local public library. Kelly has registered for a 20 minute consultation. How would you advise Kelly on the possible eviction? What about her potential move to another state?

## QUESTION 2:

In 2003, President George W. Bush announced the President's Family Justice Center Initiative (PFJCI). The PFJCI is a pilot program that has awarded funding to 15 communities across the country for the planning, development, and establishment of comprehensive domestic violence centers. Family justice centers bring a variety of governmental and private organizations under one roof to provide services to victims of domestic violence and their children. The majority of centers function under the leadership of the district attorney's office. Federal legislation has been proposed that would institutionalize these centers and provide federal funding to support centers in every state.

As a legislative aide to a newly elected member of Congress, who has limited knowledge of domestic violence and the law, you have been asked to discuss the pros and cons of the Family Justice Center model. Considering what you have learned about domestic violence this semester what would be your recommendation on this piece of legislation?