

APPROPRIATE COURT FOR YOUR SITUATION

In New York, many types of courts handle family legal problems. Below is a list of family situations and the court that handles it.

SITUATION

COURT

Divorce
Legal Separation
Annulment

Your county's SUPREME COURT

Domestic Violence
(Orders of Protection)

You are allowed to apply for an order of protection in Family Court and one of the other courts at the same time.

A SUPREME COURT can give you an order of protection during your divorce or legal separation case.

Your choice of:
Your county's FAMILY COURT

Your local:
CITY COURT
TOWN COURT
VILLAGE COURT
DISTRICT COURT (L.I.)

NEW YORK CITY CRIMINAL COURT

Paternity
Child Neglect and Abuse
Juvenile Delinquency
Termination of Parental Rights
Review of Foster Care Placement

Your county's FAMILY COURT

Child Guardianship
Adoption

Your choice of:
Your county's FAMILY COURT
or
Your county's SURROGATE'S COURT