REVISED JUDICATURE ACT OF 1961 (EXCERPT) Act 236 of 1961

600.2950c Assistance with personal protection order; domestic violence victim advocate.

Sec. 2950c. (1) The family division of the circuit court in each county may provide a domestic violence victim advocate to assist victims of domestic violence in obtaining a personal protection order. The court may use the services of a public or private agency or organization that has a record of service to victims of domestic violence to provide the assistance. A domestic violence victim advocate may provide, but is not limited to providing, all of the following assistance:

- (a) Informing a victim of the availability of, and assisting the victim in obtaining, serving, modifying, or rescinding, a personal protection order.
- (b) Providing an interpreter for a case involving domestic violence including a request for a personal protection order.
- (c) Informing a victim of the availability of shelter, safety plans, counseling, other social services, and generic written materials about Michigan law.
- (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), a domestic violence victim advocate shall not represent or advocate for a domestic violence victim in court.
 - (3) Providing assistance in accordance with this section does not violate section 916.

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