

Documents Needed to Assist Domestic Violence Victims

U Visa Cases (victims of crimes)

- Police reports
- Court documents – these are especially important if there was a prosecution of the crime against the client.

VAWA Cases (I-751 Waiver or I-360 self-petition for victims of LPR or USC abuser)

- Marriage certificate
- Documents proving joint residence of abuser and survivor (joint rental agreements, letter from landlord, children's school records, etc.)
- Documents proving good faith marriage between abuser and survivor (letters, photos, documentation of joint accounts of any kind)
- Police reports, hospital records or any other documents showing that the client was abused.
- Proof of abuser's immigration status (Lawful Permanent Resident or United States Citizen or National), including birth certificates, passports, or naturalization certificate

All Domestic Violence Cases

- Personal declaration
- Birth certificate
- Police records and court documents relating to the client's criminal record
- Children's birth certificates
- Children's school records
- Hospital records
- Protection, no contact, or restraining orders
- Court records relating to divorce (such as the summons, dissolution petition, or divorce order)
- Names and contact info of prosecutors, investigators, victim advocates
- If applicable, letter of confirmation that client is working with a domestic violence agency or attending a domestic violence support group.
- Documents attesting to client's good moral character including letters of support from church, community group, employer, teachers, family members or friends; or honors/awards/certificates the survivor has received
- Letters from doctors documenting any medical conditions the children have
- Jointly filed taxes
- Family photographs and wedding photos (preferably in color)