

College of Law
"Order of Protection Day"

In support of
Domestic Violence Awareness

The KNOX COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT, Division IV
will hold proceedings at the UT College of Law

Thursday, November 5, 2009

The Honorable Bill Swann and a two Special Masters are likely to hear matters involving the granting of civil protection orders as well as contempt proceedings.

Hearings are scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 4:30 p.m. with a break for lunch.

The proceedings are open to the public and will be held in classrooms on the first floor of the College of Law.



SPECIAL NOTICE

In conjunction with the "Order of Protection Day", Judge Swann will present a lecture about domestic violence and orders of protection prior to the morning proceedings of the Court at 8:00 a.m. in Room 132 on Thursday, November 5.

For years prior to any formal legislation or declaration of Domestic Violence Awareness Month and for as long as anyone at NCADV can remember, domestic violence advocates have raised awareness anyway they could and used the color purple in association with those efforts. As a result of those endeavors, the purple ribbon is now widely recognized as the symbol for domestic violence awareness.

Although there is no official record, the story of the first use of the color purple by the Battered Women's Movement has been handed down orally through out the years. It has been told that there was a woman from the Midwest in the 1980's who had left her abusive relationship, and had worked her way to being the director of a battered women's program in her community. Her batterer was in jail, but he had been released on a temporary furlough. During his release, he crossed state lines and found her and killed her in her home. The woman's name was Lisa Bianco, and she was well loved and dearly missed by those who knew her. Her friends and family wanted to remember the life of this beloved woman and chose to wear her favorite color in her honor-- the color purple.*

* Information courtesy of the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence.