The recent actions of Charlie Sheen have caused serious problems for the actor. On March 1, 2011, a court ordered that Sheen's twin sons be temporarily removed from his home. Sheen's soon to be ex-wife Brooke Mueller filed a temporary restraining order alleging, among other things, that Charlie Sheen: spit on Mueller; requested \$20,000 a month in "untraceable cash to knock off a few people because the people [Sheen] hate[s] violently are going to get severely punished;" threatened to stick Mueller in the eye with a penknife, and told her - "I will cut your head off, put it in a box and send it to your mom;" and said to Mueller that "I [Sheen] should have killed you when I had the chance!"

Sheen's legal team has countered that the allegations are false and Sheen disputes the information put forth in the restraining order. According to TMZ sources, Sheen said he would prefer to work out a resolution with Brooke Mueller out of court rather than force the matter through litigation.

Charlie Sheen's situation is unfortunately common in divorce cases and other types of domestic relations disputes. Over the last several years, in Columbus, Franklin County, and central Ohio there has been an increase in the amount of Domestic Violence Civil Protection Stalking Orders sought by the party who is preparing to file divorce.

A DV-CPO is serious business and an issued protection order has serious consequences in an on-going divorce or other domestic relations dispute. In Ohio, more often than not, the party seeking the Order does not have the evidence necessary to prove the elements to obtain a CPO. However, many people who face defending a CPO do not understand that there is a high burden that must be brought by the party seeking the order. Usually such people just agree to a consent civil protection order without understanding the effects that a DV-CPO can have on their divorce case, especially the parenting time for that consenting party.

A Domestic Violence Civil Protection Stalking Order (DV-CPO) is a serious matter. If you have been served with a DV-CPO in Columbus, Franklin County, or central Ohio, you need a serious attorney to defend your case. Take a few minutes to look under our Family Law section of this website to discover how an experienced attorney can defend your Domestic Violence Civil Protection Stalking Order case, as well as mitigate the consequences of having such an Order hanging over your divorce or family law case.