

# Aditi

## **The evidence in the case before you includes the following:**

One night Aditi who has a student visa was walking home from waiting tables and was raped by a masked assailant. She never got a good look at the perpetrator. He whispered that he knew where she lived and told her he would tell her family back home the “filthy things” she has done if she told anyone. This fear kept Aditi from reporting the rape to the police. Four months later, Aditi realized she was pregnant. When she began to miss late shifts at work and was disciplined by her boss, she finally shared with him what had happened to her. Her boss called the police. Aditi told the police everything she knew, but she was unable to assist police in making a composite. Two years later, police were able to identify the perpetrator and are building a case against him based on evidence from Aditi & several other victims. He is a wealthy businessman living in Aditi’s community. Aditi is before the court in a paternity case seeking child support for her son born of the rape. Defendant is denying that the child is his.

- Would you sign a U visa certification for Aditi?
- What helpfulness has Aditi provided or might she provide in the future?

# Maura

## **The evidence in the case before you includes the following:**

Maura is 17 years old and from Mexico. When Maura was 12 years old, her mother married Jose, a lawful permanent resident abuser. After enduring 4 years in the abusive household and sexual advances from her step-father, Maura left home and moved in with her boyfriend Juan, who is an MS -13 gang leader. Juan started battering Maura when she became pregnant with their child. During an incident of abuse after their child was born, the neighbors heard Maura screaming and called the police. When they arrived, Maura described the domestic violence incidents to the police officer. She did this to protect her daughter, despite fears of gang retaliation and deportation. The police refused to charge Juan with domestic violence and instead want to prosecute Juan's gang violence with Maura as a key witness. Maura and her daughter fled to a shelter and Maura has filed for a DV restraining order against Juan.

- What forms of immigration relief might Maura qualify for?
- Is Maura eligible for U visa certification?

# Alex

## **The evidence in the case before you includes the following:**

Alex had been dating Sam for about 1 month when Alex decided to end the relationship by texting Sam, “I enjoyed the time we spent together, but I don’t think this relationship can last. We should just be friends.” Sam responds, “But, I am in love with you, and you told me you loved me too. Please don’t do this.” Sam repeatedly continued to send texts like: “Are you sleeping with someone else?” “You are a liar, you just used me.” “Slut, whore. You should be castrated.” “I’m going to tell everyone that you’re illegal, maybe ICE will come for you.” Alex asked Sam to stop the texts, but Sam continued. Two weeks later, Sam went on Facebook to rant and posted nude photos of Alex with captions like “Open for business 24/7” and “liars should die.” Sam then posted a drawing of a dead person hanged by a noose and the word “liar” on the person’s shirt. Alex filed a TPO against Sam, which was granted, as was the Civil Protection Order.

- Would you sign a U visa certification for Alex after the CPO? TPO?
- Based on what criminal activities?
- Would you be able to certify if Alex is served but does not appear at the CPO hearing?