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§ 16-1001. Definitions.

For purposes of this subchapter:

(1) The term "complainant" means an individual in the relationship described in paragraph (5) who is the victim of an intrafamily offense and who files or for whom is filed a petition for protection under this subchapter.

(2) The term "Director of Social Services" means the Director of Social Services in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

(3) The term "Family Division" means the Family Division of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

(4) The term "family member" includes any individual in the relationship described in paragraph (5).

(5) The term "intrafamily offense" means an act punishable as a criminal offense committed by an offender upon a person:

(A) To whom the offender is related by blood, legal custody, marriage, domestic partnership, having a child in common, or with whom the offender shares or has shared a mutual residence;

(B) With whom the offender maintains or maintained a romantic relationship not necessarily including a sexual relationship; provided, that a person seeking a protection order under this subparagraph shall reside in the District of Columbia or the underlying intrafamily offense shall have occurred in the District of Columbia;

(C) Who was or is married to, a domestic partner of, divorced or separated from, or in a romantic relationship, not necessarily including a sexual relationship, with a person who was or is married to, a domestic partner of, divorced or separated from, or in a romantic relationship, not necessarily including a sexual relationship, with the offender; or

(D) Who had been stalked or is being stalked by the offender.

(6) The term "respondent" means any person who is accused of having committed an intrafamily offense in a petition for protection filed under this subchapter.