

## Case Study: Dating & Domestic Violence

“**Dating Violence**” means violence committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the alleged victim. Dating violence includes, but is not limited to, sexual or physical abuse or the threat of such abuse. Dating violence does not include acts covered under the definition of domestic violence.

“**Domestic Violence**” means violence committed by a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the alleged victim; by a person with whom the alleged victim shares a child in common; by a person who is cohabitating with, or has cohabitated with, the victim as a spouse or intimate partner, or by a person similarly situated to a spouse of the alleged victim.

**Question One: Does a preponderance of the evidence establish that the Complainant and the Respondent shared a covered relationship?**

**There must be evidence that the Complainant and the Respondent share or shared one of the following types of social relationships:**

- intimate
- romantic
- spousal
- familial
- other intimate relationship [please describe]

**NOTE: Roommates who do not have an intimate relationship are not included.**

The existence of a sexual, dating, spousal, romantic, familial, or other intimate relationship shall be determined based on the *totality of the circumstances* including, without limitation:

- the length of the relationship
- the type of relationship
- the frequency of interaction between persons

List any evidence relevant to determining if the Complainant and the Respondent shared a relationship:

IF YES → Proceed to Question Two

IF NO → Conclude that no violation occurred

**Question Two: Does a preponderance of the evidence support that the Respondent committed or threatened an act of violence against the Complainant?**

List any evidence relevant to determining that the Respondent committed or threatened an act of violence against the Complainant:

List any evidence relevant to determining that the Respondent did not commit or threaten an act of violence against the Complainant:

IF YES → Conclude that a violation occurred

IF NO → Conclude that no violation occurred