## Sample Language for a **Qualifying Legal Process**

(**Note:** A legal process (an alimony and/or child support garnishment order) must meet the requirements of 5 U.S.C. § 8437(e)(3) and 5 C.F.R. part 1653, subpart B. The Thrift Savings Plan will honor any legal process that meets these requirements. Use of the format below is not required.)

	[court name]
Petitioner vs. Respondent	) ) )
	ORDER FOR GARNISHMENT OF A TSP ACCOUNT
number (SSI	<b>REAS</b> by order of this court [participant's name, Social Security N), and address] was required to pay alimony and/or child supportame, SSN, address, and relationship to participant];
	<b>WHEREAS</b> [participant's name] has failed to meet this obligation ntly \$ in arrears;
[payee's nan	<b>THEREFORE ORDERED</b> that the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) pay to ne] \$ from the [civilian and/or uniformed services] TSP of [participant's name] to satisfy the obligation.
	<b>FURTHER ORDERED</b> that the earnings will be paid on the ne entitlement under this ORDER until payment is made. ( <b>Note:</b> is optional.)
Dated	l:
	BY THE COURT:
	Judge's signature

<sup>\*</sup> If the participant has both a civilian TSP account and a uniformed services TSP account, the legal process must expressly identify the account to which it relates.