Colombia's 1996 and 2008 legislation addressing domestic violence against women is comprehensive. Despite the strong legislation, intimate partner violence remains high and displays characteristics that amount to what I argue is domestic terrorism and torture. This presentation describes a public scholarship project that took place from 2016 to 2020 that incorporated successful international and national advocacy for policy change. An assessment process interviewing judicial providers who issue civil protective orders responds to the project's research question: are Colombia's legal protections addressing domestic violence adequately implemented? The presentation describes the links between Colombia's decades-old armed conflict and the domestic terrorism and torture inflicted on women inside their home. The presentation details the barriers to Colombia's implementation of its legal framework by exploring the institutional design flaws and the research team's successful advocacy effort as Colombia amends its legal framework.