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Rock 'n Roll and 59 Ways to End Domestic Violence

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4 Days until SV Gives: Help FVAP Win Big

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Next **Tuesday, May 3** is **SV Gives** Day, is an annual day of giving from the Silicon Valley Community Foundation. Mark your calendar and help FVAP win big for domestic violence survivors across California.

DOUBLE your donation: To reach our SV Gives fundraising goal, every dollar donated now through the end of next Tuesday will be DOUBLED thanks to a generous matching donation from our Board of Directors. Your gift will enable FVAP to keep helping domestic violence survivors throughout California by appealing dangerous court decisions that leave them at risk. [Click here](#) to donate right now and double your donation.

Please help us win a \$5,000 prize to help more survivors by donating at **4:00 p.m. next Tuesday**. Starting at 4:00, FVAP will have exactly one hour to bring in as many donations as possible to win one of the SV Gives Power Hour prizes. Donate \$100, \$50, or \$25. Your donation will not only be DOUBLED; it will also help us win the \$5,000 prize.

Add FVAP's 4:00 p.m. Fundraising Power Hour to your calendar for next Tuesday, May 3, and look out for an email letting you know that the Power Hour has begun!

Banding Together 2016

Get your tickets now, vote for your favorite band



Save the date for FVAP's 4th annual battle-of-the-lawyer-bands event, [Banding Together to End Domestic Violence!](#)

This summer's epic rock battles will take place in **San Francisco on June 15** at 1015 Folsom, and in **Los Angeles on July 14** at El Rey Theater.

Banding Together 2016 is going to be bigger than ever, with 8 bands playing in each city. In San Francisco, bands from [Google Legal](#), [Jones Day](#), [Kazan Law](#), [Kirkland & Ellis](#), [Latham & Watkins](#), [Lieff Cabraser](#), [Morgan Lewis](#), and [Simpson Thacher](#) will rock out and compete on stage. In LA,

we'll hear the sweet tunes of DLA Piper, Gibson Dunn, Latham & Watkins, Morrison & Foerster, Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp, Norton Rose/Case Knowlson, Perkins Coie, and Reed Smith.

Together, these rock stars will help us raise over \$150,000 for domestic violence survivors.

San Francisco voting is now open. [Click here to vote for your favorite band](#) to win the coveted title: Best Lawyer Band in the Bay. (Voting for Los Angeles bands coming soon.) 1 dollar = 1 vote. Votes can be cast in any amount, and you can vote multiple times before the event. All votes are donated directly to FVAP to help abuse survivors throughout California.

VOTE NOW SF

You won't want to miss this. Ticket are now available for the San Francisco event via Eventbrite. Get your tickets at a discounted \$20 early-bird price through June 1. Tickets for Banding Together LA coming soon.

SF TICKETS

FVAP Gets Ready for Oral Argument

On May 17, FVAP will present oral argument at the First District Court of Appeal (San Francisco).

FVAP and co-counsel **Bay Area Legal Aid** and **Folger Levin** represent an abuse survivor who is appealing the court's denial of her requests to renew a restraining order against her abuser, and to add her children to the restraining order as protected parties.

To renew a restraining order, a victim of abuse must show that she has a reasonable fear of future abuse. Despite finding that the abuser violated the original restraining order by repeatedly directing harassing communications to our client, the trial court denied the renewal, stating that the violations did not involve acts or threats of violence. But California law specifically defines abuse to include non-violent harassing and intentionally annoying communications.

Our appeal also challenges the trial court's finding that alleged child abuse cannot be a basis for a mother's "fear of future abuse," and challenges the trial court's failure to consider that alleged abuse in relation to the request to add the children as protected parties to the restraining order.

This case demonstrates the importance of taking alleged child abuse into account when considering whether a child's parent should be allowed the protection of a restraining order against the alleged abuser. [Check our website](#) for updates on this case.

59 Ways to End Domestic Violence Homicide



In a recent [Huffington Post article](#), domestic violence survivors and advocates from across the country wrote in with 59 ideas for specific, practical steps we can take to end our nation's epidemic of domestic-violence-related homicides.

Three U.S. women are killed on average every day in domestic-violence related homicides, and experts agree that many of these killings are preventable.

At FVAP, we are already working hard on many of the ideas on this list:

- **“Judges: When a victim is asking for a permanent restraining order, grant it!”** — *Kate Ranta, domestic violence and gun violence survivor*
- “In my first domestic violence case as a young lawyer, a client was shot by her estranged husband when he arrived for visitation exchange. **Courts must stop forcing victims to share custody, legal or physical, with an abuser** (who will doubtless use the child to punish her for leaving, and maintain power and control over her), and must not require the victim to be alone with the abuser for visitation exchange.” — *Kim Gandy, CEO of the National Network To End Domestic Violence*
- **“Do not force victims to be in the same courtroom as abusers.** Allow for testimony to be taken separately and safely.” — *Kate Ranta, domestic violence and gun violence survivor*

If we continue to push our courts to better protect survivors, we believe real, long-lasting change is possible. FVAP's goal is to **reform the California court system** so that every abuse survivor who passes through it is fully protected – and not in danger of ongoing or heightened abuse.

Read the full list of ideas on how to end domestic violence homicides [here](#).

FVAP Launches Dependency Law Advisory Panel

FVAP is pleased to announce that we have assembled a panel of Dependency Law Advisors to advise us on juvenile dependency issues.

The **Honorable Leonard Edwards (Ret.)**; **Wendy Seiden**, Associate Clinical Professor at the Bette & Wylie Aitkin Family Protection Clinic at Chapman University; and **Cristina Gabrielidis**, attorney for the abuse survivor in *In re M.W.*, will bring their dependency law expertise to FVAP to ensure the perspectives of children and families navigating the dependency court system are heard.

In California's dependency court system, domestic violence restraining orders between juveniles are heard, and custody and foster care decisions are made in families living with abuse. We have assembled these expert advisers to enable FVAP to help more people navigating this system.

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