

# BANDING TOGETHER

TO END  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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# JOIN THE FUN

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Banding Together to End Domestic Violence is an annual attorney battle-of-the-bands fundraiser featuring lawyers who rock out for a good cause. Held every summer in San Francisco in June, bands from California's most philanthropic law firms and corporate legal teams compete in this epic musical battle for the coveted title: Best Lawyer Band in The Bay.

Though the competition is fierce, these rockstar attorneys band together to raise over \$168,000 for California survivors of domestic violence. All funds raised benefit Family Violence Appellate Project (FVAP), the only nonprofit in California dedicated to providing free appellate legal services to domestic violence survivors who need to appeal dangerous trial court decisions that leave them or their kids at risk of ongoing abuse.

## How to enter

Eligible bands should consist of at least 50% attorneys and/or employees from one law firm, law office, or corporate legal department. (Other configurations may be considered.) To apply, fill out the 2-page application form at the bottom of this PDF and submit it by March 1, 2019. But the sooner the better; spots fill up fast!

Once officially accepted to compete, each band is asked to submit an entry fee donation of \$1,000 or more, all of which is donated to FVAP to provide appellate legal aid to survivors of domestic violence. The \$1,000 entry fee is waived if the band's firm or company sponsors the event for more than \$1,000. Event sponsorship comes with free event tickets and drink vouchers, VIP Lounge access (depending on sponsorship level), and a variety of marketing perks. (Entry fees and event sponsorship do not count toward the band's voting/fundraising total. See "How to win" for more.)

## How to win

Seven or eight bands take turns competing on one stage the night of the event, playing for 15-20 minutes each. Fans cast votes for their favorite band by donating in the band's name, and the band with the most votes by the end of the night (the band that raises the most money) wins. Fans can vote at the show, or online up to 6 weeks before the event via the band's official voting page (created by FVAP on Crowdrise.com). Votes can be cast in any amount. Bands also compete before the event to secure their preferred spot in the lineup, or win an extra 5 minutes on stage, by participating in pre-event fundraising competitions a few weeks before the event. First, Second, and Third Place are awarded based on voting (fundraising) totals. A Judges' Choice Award is also given by a panel of guest judges based on performance.

## Your competition

Competing bands in previous years came from DLA Piper, Gibson Dunn, Google, Jones Day, Kirkland & Ellis, Latham, Lieff Cabraser, Morgan Lewis, Morrison & Foerster, O'Melveny & Myers, Pillsbury, and many others.

Visit [www.fvapbotb.com](http://www.fvapbotb.com) for more information or email event coordinator Charity Peets at [cpeets@fvaplaw.org](mailto:cpeets@fvaplaw.org).





## What is Family Violence Appellate Project (FVAP)?

FVAP is the only statewide legal aid nonprofit in California dedicated to helping survivors of domestic violence by appealing and overturning dangerous trial court decisions on their behalf, for free. When a court decision leaves domestic violence survivors or their children at risk of ongoing abuse (by granting child custody to an abusive parent, or denying a restraining order), FVAP gives survivors a second chance at justice, empowering them to get the safety and justice they deserve.

By working at the appellate-court level, FVAP is reshaping California law to make our state safer. Each published appellate decision sets new statewide legal precedent that prioritizes the safety and well-being of survivors and kids. We hold courts accountable and make sure California's domestic violence laws do what they're supposed to: keep families safe.

How is FVAP ending domestic violence in California? By making sure all kids have the opportunity to grow up in safe, healthy homes, we're breaking the intergenerational cycle of trauma and abuse. Children who grow up without abuse are far less likely to become abusive adults. Our innovative approach is creating tangible change and making California better for the next generation.

For more information, visit [www.fvaplaw.org](http://www.fvaplaw.org).



# Banding Together to End Domestic Violence 2019

## Band Application Form

To submit an application, complete Parts 1 and 2, and email to [cpeets@fvaplaw.org](mailto:cpeets@fvaplaw.org). Spots are limited. Submitting an application form does not guarantee you a spot in the lineup. Once accepted, each band is asked to either submit the \$1,000 entry fee donation, or secure event sponsorship from their firm/company for at least \$1,000. Both are tax-deductible (minus the cost of tickets & drink vouchers for sponsors) and directly benefit CA survivors of abuse. This year's event will be held at The Chapel night club in San Francisco on June 20, 2019.



### Part 1: Band Information

Band Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of law firm(s), office(s), and company/ies, represented by your band:

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Describe your band. (Genre of music; covers/originals; examples of songs performed)

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Each band will be asked to perform an onsite soundcheck at the venue the day of the event, at an assigned time in the afternoon.

**Please note: Because soundchecks are on the day of the event, all soundchecks must start on time. Bands that are late may forfeit their soundcheck. Thank you for helping us put on a great show that starts on time!**

Check to agree: \_\_\_\_\_

Applications are due **March 1**, 2019. But don't delay; spots are limited and fill up fast!

**Questions?** Email event coordinator Charity Peets: [cpeets@fvaplaw.org](mailto:cpeets@fvaplaw.org) or call (510) 858-7358.

## Part 2: Band Members

NAME	INSTRUMENT	EMAIL ADDRESS

Lead Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_