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FVAP Legal Victory in Elder Abuse Case



FVAP took on an **elder abuse case** in which our client had obtained a restraining order protecting him from his former intimate partner who had become his live-in caretaker before beginning to physically, economically, and psychologically abuse him. The abuser sought to **appeal the restraining order** but then asked to postpone the appeal, which would have caused more trauma for our client. We worked with [California Indian Legal Services](#) to oppose this and were successful.

As of this month, the **abuser's appeal has been dismissed** for her failing to comply with court-ordered deadlines. We are thankful that our client is still protected by his restraining order and can begin to move forward.

Battle of the Bands is Thursday June 18



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[Banding Together to End Domestic Violence](#) is **June 18, 2020**. Banding Together features bands from California's most philanthropic law firms and corporate legal teams, who compete in an epic musical battle for the coveted title: **Best Lawyer Band in The Bay**. Fans can vote with their dollars (every dollar = 1 vote) for their favorite bands leading up to the event and at the show. All proceeds benefit [FVAP](#) so that we can continue to protect abuse survivors.

Are you and your colleagues rock stars in disguise? [FVAP](#) is now accepting [band applications](#) for the 2020 show until **March 1**.

Sponsorship packet and ticket sales coming soon.

Covering the State: Recent Trainings and What's Coming Up



As always, the [FVAP](#) team has been busy in court; training judges, court staff, attorneys, advocates, law students, and domestic violence (DV) survivors on DV legal issues; and in statewide hearings and gatherings about DV in California. Here are some highlights:

- **Dec 5:** [FVAP](#) at [Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence](#)'s Domestic Violence and Guns training in **San Francisco, CA**

- **Jan 17:** [FVAP](#) in oral argument as a friend of the court for a survivor who argued that they experienced bias and gender-stereotyping in their DV restraining order case in **San Francisco, CA**
- **Jan 22:** [FVAP](#) holds “Domestic Violence a Year in Review” training for [Association of Family Law Specialists](#) in **Sacramento, CA**
- **Jan 24:** [FVAP](#) weighs in at [California Little Hoover Commission](#)’s Intimate Partner Violence Advisory Committee convening to discuss how to combat survivor homelessness in **Sacramento, CA**
- **Jan 29:** [FVAP](#) presents “Recent Family Law Appellate Cases” training for members of [California Partnership to End Domestic Violence](#) (CPEDV) **via statewide webinar**
- **Jan 30:** [FVAP](#) holds “How to Lay a Record for Appeal” training for student members of the Family Protection and Legal Assistance Clinic at [U.C. Davis School of Law](#) in **Davis, CA**
- **Feb 5:** [FVAP](#) will hold our bi-monthly legal assistance statewide call on our Confidentiality and Mandated Reporting Toolkit for domestic violence advocates who are [CPEDV](#) members
- **Feb 7:** [FVAP](#) teams up with Judge Tara Flanagan and Social Science Professor Mindy Mechanic to conduct a workshop on New Appellate Cases from 2019 and Decoding Domestic Abuse for the [California Association of Family and Conciliation Courts](#) in **San Francisco, CA**

Immigration Toolkit Released



[FVAP](#) just released our **Immigration Toolkit**. This toolkit addresses the unique challenges immigrant survivors of domestic violence face when seeking protection from their abusive partners in California family, juvenile, and probate courts. The toolkit includes helpful resources including:

- A fact sheet that briefly explains three key California cases that address issues immigrant survivors of domestic abuse may frequently experience
- A tip sheet explaining California Evidence Code section 351.3, which protects a person’s immigration status from being asked about or discussed (“disclosed”) during court proceedings
- A model Memorandum of Points & Authorities (legal brief) in Support of a Request to Enforce the I-864 Immigration Form

Find the Immigration Toolkit in our [Legal Resource Library](#). This and all our legal resources are free for survivors of domestic violence, legal aid attorneys and DV advocates, and private attorneys representing DV survivors pro bono.

February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month



Dating violence affects teens at shocking rates: **1.5 million high school students in the U.S. experience physical abuse every year** and unfortunately, teens who experience this abuse often do not feel comfortable sharing what happened to them. This is why **raising awareness** matters, because where teens may feel ashamed or fearful to share what's going on, our education can help fill the gaps. Will you join us in raising awareness during February?

Follow [FVAP](#) on our social media channels (links at the bottom of this newsletter) to share posts with your friends and family. Don't forget to tag us and use the hashtag #TDVAM.

FVAP is Hiring for a Staff Attorney and Program Associate



FVAP is seeking a full-time [Staff Attorney](#) and a full-time [Program Associate](#) to join our exceptional and dynamic staff in our Oakland, California office for significant roles in support of social justice. FVAP's

clientele is very diverse, and we serve individuals and advocates throughout the state, including rural, suburban, and urban populations. Ideal candidates will bring unique skills and experiences that help support our legal program work in service of these diverse populations.

[Learn more about the Staff Attorney position.](#)

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