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Introducing Our New Staff



[Carolyn Walker](#) has practiced law in several roles in the domestic violence field over the course of her career. Carolyn's experience includes seven years as a Deputy District Attorney for the Counties of Shasta and Tehama. As a prosecutor, Carolyn handled cases, calendars, and tried many jury trials to verdict. She specialized in cases involving juveniles, domestic violence, sexual assault, and child sexual assault crimes. Carolyn has also worked as the Legal Program Manager at Empower Tehama in the Far North of California, assisting survivors of domestic violence obtain benefits, justice and hope.

At [FVAP](#), Carolyn's role is the **Rural Housing Outreach Attorney** in the [Housing and Employment Justice Program](#). She will assist with extending [FVAP's](#) outreach to rural communities in California with housing trainings, information, and assistance.

Ms. Walker completed her undergraduate degree at the University of California at Berkeley in Berkeley, California and her Juris Doctor at the University of Pacific, McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento, California. She is a Member of the California State Bar Association, Tehama County Bar Association and an experienced domestic violence advocate.

Newly Translated FVAP Resources



We are excited to announce that [FVAP](#) is working toward translating our written resources into different languages in order to make our resources available to a **wider audience** of survivors of domestic violence and those who support them. At the end of 2019, we translated the following resources into Spanish and Chinese and they are now available on our website in our [Legal Resource Library](#):

- [FAQ on Domestic Violence Restraining Order Renewals](#)
- [How do I Get a Court to Reach the Additional Requests in My Restraining Order?](#)
- [How to Calculate Your Notice of Appeal Deadline](#)
- [Custody and Visitation Toolkit](#)

Spanish and Chinese are the top two languages that we see clients and potential clients looking for translations in. We look forward to continuing to translate more of our resources into these languages and are eager to eventually translate into other languages in the future.

[FVAP Article on Secretly Recorded Evidence Gets Published](#)



The [California Association of Certified Family Law Specialists](#) published an article written by FVAP Senior Managing Attorney, [Shuray Ghorishi](#), and the Honorable Judge Mark Juhas in their journal. The article, [California Penal Code 632: The Dilemma of Secretly Recorded Evidence in Family Law and Abuse Cases](#), explores the **nuances of secretly recorded communications** in family court cases. There are circumstances in which a secretly recorded conversation will not be admissible in court, however, under some statutes there are certain kinds of crimes where an exception may be made, and domestic violence is one of those crimes.

Unfortunately, it is common for aspects of family law and abuse cases in which there has been a secret recording to still result in the recording being inadmissible in court. This article provides **key information** that aids attorneys so that they can better advocate for their survivor clients on this issue.

Banding Together to End Domestic Violence



FVAP's annual [Banding Together to End Domestic Violence](#) fundraiser is coming up fast on June 18, and we can't wait. It's not too late to apply to play in the show--**band applications are due Sunday, March 1.**

Our [sponsorship packet](#) is now available with plenty of perks and opportunities for exposure this year. Some of these include VIP Lounge access, event and drink tickets, and recognition from the stage. We encourage sponsors to commit by **March 15** to get the maximum benefits of their sponsorship.

Submit all band applications and sponsorship forms to Charity at cpeests@fvaplav.org.

Tickets for this year's event will be on sale soon.

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