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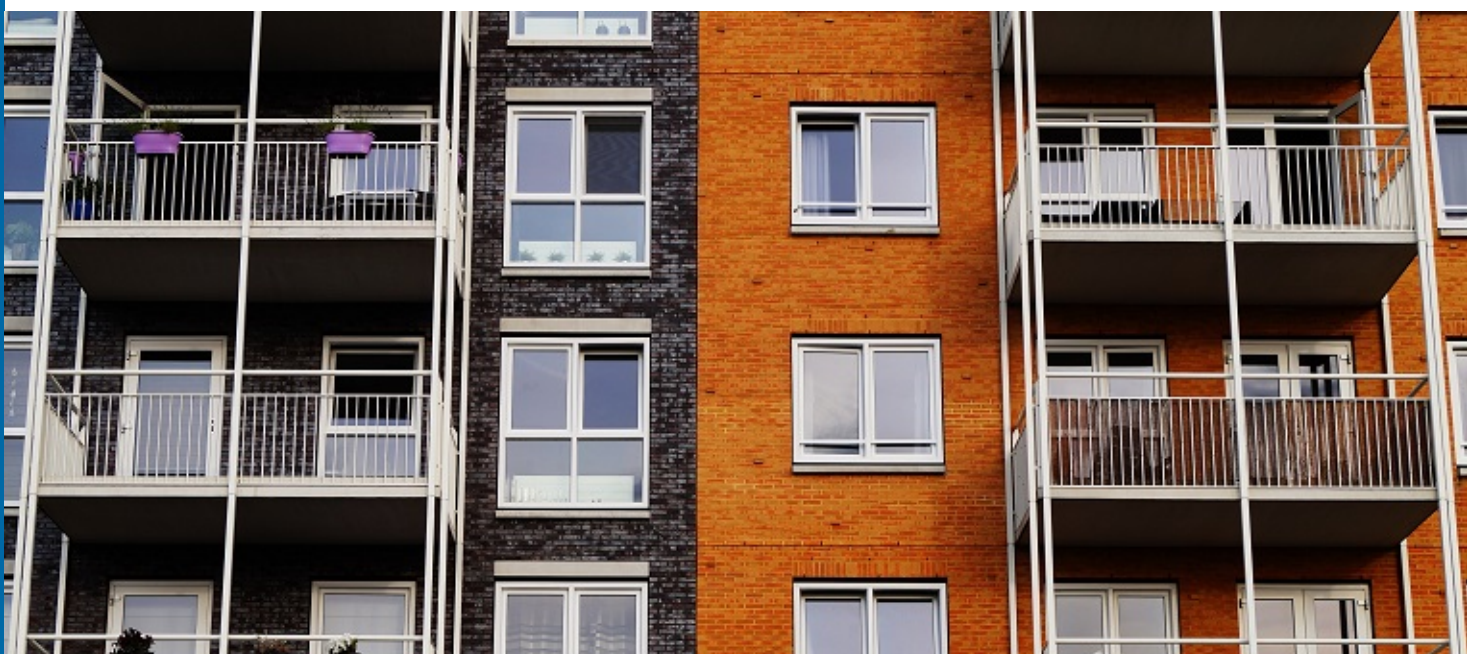
Women's History Month



In honor of this **Women's History Month**, we're celebrating by sharing some important moments for women that happened in the month of March. We also love this "Women's History Month and Notable Female Firsts" video above from Encyclopædia Britannica that we encourage you to share.

- **International Women's Day** has been celebrated every March 8 since 1911.
- Title IX, which makes gender discrimination illegal in all federally funded education programs, was passed in March of 1972.
- The **Equal Rights Amendment**, while not fully ratified, is a constitutional amendment guaranteeing equal rights regardless of gender passed in the Senate also in March of 1972.
- What's known as the first civil rights March on Washington DC and a significant **women's suffrage event** took place on March 3, 1913.

Celebrating a 3-year Milestone



In 2018, we launched our [Housing & Employment Justice Program](#) with a 3-year seed grant to increase our reach, resources, and impact for survivors of domestic violence facing barriers to maintaining and obtaining **safe housing and employment** as a result of abuse.

We got to work and 3 years later we have reached some impressive milestones that we want to share with you. With the support of our partners at [BASTA inc.](#), [California Partnership to End Domestic Violence](#), and [National Housing Law Project](#) we have achieved the following:

- We created [31 new written resources](#), including a toolkit aimed at helping survivors obtain housing.
- We educated over **350 people from 148 different non-profit organizations** throughout California with 19 trainings on survivors' housing and employment rights.
- We connected to attorneys, advocates, and individuals from **48 out of the 58 counties** in California through on-call legal assistance and trainings.
- We **appealed a case** where a domestic violence survivor and her 3 children were evicted from their home because of domestic violence.
- We filed and supported friend-of-the-court briefs in **2 appellate cases** dealing with housing and employment rights of survivors.
- We supported attorneys on **10 trial level matters**, equipping them with the legal information they need to get better outcomes for their survivor clients

Through this three year grant, we also set out to make **systemic changes through policy and legislative advocacy**. Under this goal, we engaged in several systemic solution projects, including things like playing an advisory role in the effort toward statewide changes needed to end domestic violence survivors' homelessness and advocating for expanded employment and eviction protections needed during the COVID-19 pandemic. We are excited about the accomplishments that we and our community partners have been able to achieve for survivors with this seed funding over the last three years.

With additional funding support under another grant, we have now expanded this program's team to include a Rural Housing Outreach Attorney, partnered with [California Consortium for Urban Indian Health](#), [National Indian Justice Center](#) and [WEAVE](#) to provide **materials and training tailored for Native American and limited-English proficient communities**, and more. We're heartened by the success of the Housing & Employment Justice Program, and can't wait to achieve more accomplishments like these for survivors.

Newly Updated FVAP Resources



FVAP has updated two popular resources available through our [Legal Resource Library](#).

Our **Move-Out Order Tip Sheet**, which provides general information about requesting that an abuser move out of a shared residence, was updated to include clarifying information about move-out orders from the recent case [Nicole G. v. Braithwaite](#), which FVAP successfully sought publication of in 2020. [Nicole G. v. Braithwaite](#) held that a survivor should not have to permanently vacate their residence because they previously moved in order to flee abuse.

Our **Custody and Visitation Toolkit for Domestic Violence Survivors**, which explains the rights abuse survivors have and the ways in which their children can be protected from an abusive parent under Family Code Section 3044, was updated to include changes to the law created by Assembly Bill 2044. This bill **strengthens the safeguards in Family Code section 3044** to ensure that courts properly consider domestic violence when making custody orders, and is one FVAP worked diligently on.

Spotlight: FVAP Law Clerks

We want to put the spotlight on our law clerks **Tara Branine** and **Alexandra (Alli) Minnick**, who have been working with us on appeals for domestic violence survivors as well as weighing in at important meetings with our community partners across California since January of this year.

Tara Branine is originally from Sacramento, CA and is a second-year student at Berkeley Law. Prior to coming to FVAP, she worked as an intern with East Bay Family Defenders and Family Violence Law Center. She is involved in school as a leader in the Food Justice Project, which appeals CalFresh denials, The Berkeley Journal of Gender, Law & Justice, Womxn of Berkeley Law, and the Berkeley Resistance Against Inter-Partner Violence. After graduating, she hopes to continue working with survivors and would like to pursue a career in direct client legal services.



Alli Minnick (she/her) received her bachelor’s degree in media studies and journalism from the University of San Francisco. Alli is a 3L at Golden Gate University School of Law, where she has focused on public interest law. Alli previously clerked at the SF Department of Police Accountability. She then worked as a certified law student for the GGU Women’s Employment Rights Clinic. She also clerked at Equal Rights Advocates. Alli completed the Domestic Violence Seminar with FVAP Advisory Board member Professor Julia Weber. In her spare time, Alli likes to bake, read mystery novels, and play fetch with her Australian Shepard, Zooey.

Thank you Tara and Alli for your hard work and support of survivors.

Banding Together to End Domestic Violence Coming Fall 2021



This one’s for our devoted fans of [Banding Together to End Domestic Violence](#), our annual **attorney battle-of-the-bands**. This year’s show will be held in the fall again in **October**. We are anxious to jam with you in person and are crossing our fingers that by then it will be safe to do so. We’ll be sure to keep you posted as we know more.

Please feel free to reach out to event planner, Charity Peets, at cpeets@fvaplaw.org, if you have any questions.

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