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Don't Let Survivors Endure Abuse



No one should endure abuse.

#EndureNoMore



Can you believe 2020 is coming to a close? Neither can we.

Earlier this year when the Coronavirus began to take hold in California and the United States at large, we saw how survivors' lives became more dangerous with court closures, shelter-in-place, job loss, and more. Thankfully, your support enabled us to adapt quickly and meet survivors where they were. However, we need to be equipped to do more.

The virus is on the rise at a shocking rate, and we're starting to worry. Some of the same issues we saw earlier in the year could resurface, like [greater rates of abuse](#) and inability to move forward with important court proceedings; and issues we're still seeing could get worse, which is why we need your help to ensure that survivors do not have to endure abuse on top of living through this pandemic.

If you believe **no one should endure abuse**, please make a donation today to our [#EndureNoMore](#) fundraising campaign.

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[#EndureNoMore](#) is a Family Violence Appellate Project campaign to raise awareness and resources to address the increased threat to survivors' safety posed by dangerous court decisions made during the Coronavirus pandemic. All proceeds go directly to Family Violence Appellate Project to provide survivors with free and effective legal aid.

Please tell everyone you know about [#EndureNoMore](#). You can use language and graphics from our [campaign toolkit](#) to spread the word.

Advocating for Child Safety at the Supreme Court



After the Court of Appeal declined to hear our writ petition -- a kind of fast track appeal -- challenging an order giving **joint legal and physical custody to our client's abusive husband**, [EVAP](#) filed a **petition for review at the California Supreme Court**. Petitions for review at the Supreme Court level very rarely move forward, but we are optimistic because the court asked the husband for an answer to our petition which is unusual.

In this case, despite a domestic violence restraining order, and the husband admitting to some of the abuse, the trial court granted joint custody without first finding that the husband could safely parent, which is required by the law. Because people who abuse their partners often use joint custody to continue abusive behavior at the expense of their children's best interests, **we are hopeful this is the first step toward reversing the joint custody order**.

Our petition to the Supreme Court detailed the importance of applying California's strong domestic violence laws that, when applied, give parents with a history of abuse a roadmap to the kind of accountability and treatment needed in order to be a safe parent, such as successful completion of a batterer's intervention program; treatment for alcohol or drug abuse, where appropriate; completion of parenting classes; compliance with restraining orders and otherwise taking steps to be able to put their children's best interests before a need to continue exercising control over their former partner.

Resource Spotlight: A Domestic Violence-Informed Guide on Tenants' and Landlords' Rights and Responsibilities



Survivors of domestic violence can face an **added barrier to safety when it comes to housing**, especially when landlords are not current on the specific housing protections afforded to survivors.

In order to help educate both landlords and tenants on these protections, [EVAP](#) collaborated with other legal services providers and the California Department of Real Estate to update the [newly released guide on residential tenants' and landlords' rights and responsibilities](#). Our focus was to include the legal rights and responsibilities of survivor-tenants and their landlords in the handbook in order to help survivors obtain and keep safe housing all over California.

We are grateful to have had the opportunity to contribute to this important resource and are hopeful that getting this information out there will make it easier for survivors to stay safe and housed.

Recent and Upcoming Trainings on Domestic Violence Legal Issues



We continue to give trainings via webinar to judges, court staff, attorneys, advocates, law students, and domestic violence (DV) survivors on DV legal issues and participate in important discussions about survivors rights. Below are some highlights.

Coming up:

Dec 14: *Helping LGBTQIA+ Survivors Get Help With Appeals* for [LA LGBTQIA+ Center](#), presented by [Cory Hernandez](#)

Jan 22: *Utilizing SB 1141, California's "Coercive Control" Bill: A Training for Practitioners* for all attorneys, presented by [Cory Hernandez](#) with Pallavi Dhawan from the LA City Attorney's Office and Stephanie Baez from San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program.

Jan 29: *2020 New Appellate Cases on Domestic Violence Issues* for members of the [California Partnership to End Domestic Violence](#) (CPEDV), presented by [Arati Vasani](#) and [Nancy K.D. Lemon](#)

Recent:

Nov 18: *Nuisance Ordinances and Eviction Protections during COVID-19* for [Continuing Education of the Bar \(CEB\)](#), presented by [Carolyn Walker](#)

Nov 12: *Housing and Employment Rights for Domestic Violence Survivors* for [Northern California Tribal Court Coalition](#), presented by [Janani Ramamachandran](#)

Nov 4: *Making Accessible & Culturally Responsive Services* as part of [CPEDV](#)'s annual Shifting the Lens conference, presented by [Janani Ramachandran](#)

Oct 30: *Understanding Bias and Trauma in Working with Clients* as part of the Clients in Crisis conference at [Golden Gate University School of Law](#), presented by [Arati Vasani](#) and Julia Weber, esq., MSW

Oct 28: *Understanding Domestic Violence; Housing, Employment & Safety for Survivors in Rural California* for California Rural Legal Services, presented by [Arati Vasani](#) and [Carolyn Walker](#)

Oct 23: *CA Case Law and Social Science Supporting Trauma-Informed Responses to Domestic Violence Survivors and Their Children* as part of the 27th Annual [County of Santa Clara](#) Domestic Violence Conference, presented by [Arati Vasani](#)

Oct 22: *Housing and Employment Rights for Domestic Violence Survivors* presented in Spanish for the [Mexican Consulate](#) by [Janani Ramachandran](#)

Oct 21: *Housing and Employment Protections for Domestic Violence Survivors* for [Operation Care](#) in Amador County, presented by [Carolyn Walker](#)

Oct 20: *Domestic Violence and COVID-19: A Reimagining Justice Event* primarily for law students from [Pepperdine University School of Law](#), FVAP's [Arati Vasani](#) participated as a panelist

Oct 15: *Housing Rights for Domestic Violence Survivors in Rural Community* for [NEWS](#) in Napa County, presented by [Carolyn Walker](#)

Virtual Battle-of-the-Bands Wrap Up



Thanks to our dedicated supporters and enthusiastic fans, this year’s Banding Together to End Domestic Violence, **raised over \$79,500** for survivors of domestic violence. As always, the competition was fierce, but **Cov’r Band of Covington & Burling** rocked the audience with their sweet tunes and fundraising muscle, taking the title of **Best Lawyer Band** in the Bay. Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein swept our Guest Judges away, winning them the Judges Choice Award.

Did you miss the epic battle? You can still catch the show on www.fvapbotb.com.

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