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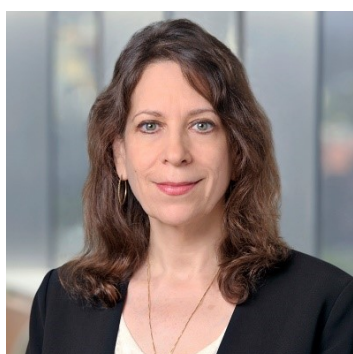
They're on Board: New Members of FVAP's Board of Directors

We are ecstatic to welcome our newest Board members, Loni Mahanta, Joanna McCallum, Maricela Rios-Faust, Julie Shah, and Lynda Smallenberger, and, all of whom come with incredibly impressive backgrounds that we know will only increase our ability to serve survivors of domestic violence and their children.



Loni Mahanta is Lyft's VP, Public Policy Development. In that role, Loni leads the Policy Development & Research team at Lyft, which focuses on high level strategic solutions to Lyft's long-term policy issues as well as shaping and driving operational and programmatic priorities within the company. Primary focus areas include sustainability, city and transportation planning, future of work, safety, and policy research/analytics.

[Read Loni's full bio here.](#)



Joanna McCallum's practice focuses on appellate matters and business litigation, concentrating in the areas of healthcare law, insurance law, unfair competition, RICO, ERISA, anti-SLAPP, and antitrust law. She has represented hospital systems, health insurers, nursing homes, finance companies, and multi-employer pension trusts in a variety of appellate and litigation matters in federal and state courts.

[Read Joanna's full bio here.](#)



As Chief Executive Officer, Maricela Rios-Faust provides vital leadership, support and vision to the continued growth and success of Human Options. Since 2006, she has capitalized on her 20-year experience working with vulnerable populations and has been a key driver in Human Options becoming the most comprehensive domestic violence service providers in Orange County.

[Read Maricela's full bio here.](#)



Julie Shah currently serves as Senior Director and Senior Corporate Counsel at Five Prime Therapeutics, Inc., a publicly traded biotechnology company, where she is responsible for negotiating strategic deals in furtherance of the company's business development initiatives and overseeing a broad range of legal matters, including SEC reporting, compliance, capital markets transactions, corporate governance and employment matters.

[Read Julie's full bio here.](#)

Lynda Smallenberger is the Executive Director of Kene Me-Wu Family Healing Center, a Native American domestic violence/sexual assault program originally created by the Tuolumne Band of Miwuks in 1997 and has utilized her



substance abuse counseling and domestic violence/sexual assault counseling skills when assisting Native women as they change their lives.

[Read Lynda's full bio here.](#)

FVAP Team Heads to Annual Domestic Violence Conference



Every year, the [FVAP](#) team travels to the [California Partnership to End Domestic Violence's annual Shifting the Lens](#) conference to inform advocates in the domestic violence field about our work and how we are helping survivors. And in tandem with sharing information about our work with fellow advocates, we also attend [Shifting the Lens](#) to listen and learn so we can ensure that we are doing the very best for survivors and their kids.

This year, [FVAP](#) Director of Programs [Jennafer Dorfman Wagner](#) presented “Confidentiality and Mandated Reporting: A Comprehensive Tool-Kit for Domestic Violence Advocates and Agencies” at the conference, along with the [Confidentiality Institute](#). This training and toolkit followed [FVAP's all-day training series on confidentiality and mandated reporting](#) that we presented in 5 locations throughout California in 2018.

Covering the State: Domestic Violence Best Practices, Housing & Employment, and More



FVAP is busy traveling the state to train people in the field about important domestic violence legal issues. Here are some of our **recent trainings**:

February 22: “Recent Developments in California Domestic Violence Law Cases and Statutes and the Psychology Behind Them,” was given in **Costa Mesa, CA** by FVAP Legal Director [Nancy K.D. Lemon](#) with Alameda County Superior Court Judge Tara Flanagan and [FVAP Advisory Board](#) member Dr. Mindy Mechanic, Professor of Psychology at California State University, Fullerton.

February 28: “Protective Orders and the Advocate’s Role” was presented in **Sacramento, CA** by FVAP attorney [Cassandra Allison](#) to members of the [California Partnership to End Domestic Violence](#)’s North Region.

February 28: “Housing & Employment Rights of Domestic Violence Survivors” was presented in **Sacramento, CA** by FVAP’s Housing & Employment Justice Attorney, [Taylor Campion](#).

March 20: “Using the Courts to Advocate for Survivors of Domestic Violence” was presented by FVAP Legal Director [Nancy K.D. Lemon](#) at the 19th Annual International Family Justice Center Conference in **San Diego, CA**. The training focused on best practices for civil attorneys in representing and advocating for domestic violence survivors.

Upcoming trainings:

April 16: FVAP’s Housing & Employment Justice Attorney, [Taylor Campion](#), will be part of the “Nuisance Ordinances and Crime-Free Housing: How These Policies Threaten Housing Security” panel at the [Housing California conference](#) in **Sacramento, CA**. The panel will discuss how nuisance ordinances put in place to mitigate excessive noise and criminal activity can jeopardize housing security for domestic violence survivors, people with disabilities, and others.

April 24: “Orientation to Domestic Violence” will be presented by FVAP Legal Director [Nancy K.D. Lemon](#) at Practicing Law Institute in **San Francisco, CA**. This session provides an overview of what domestic violence is, types of abuse, the cycle of violence, why individuals stay in abusive relationships, cultural contexts of domestic violence, and special considerations relating to same-sex domestic violence relationships.

The Battle of the Bands Begins



Are you excited? We sure are. Our **7th Annual Banding Together to End Domestic Violence Battle of the Bands** is coming up on **June 20** at [The Chapel](#) in San Francisco, CA and we cannot wait to rock out with you all.

The lineup (so far):

- 12th Root of Two of [Peter Logan Law](#)
- Attractive Nuisance of [Greenberg Traurig](#)
- Cov'r Band of [Covington & Burling LLP](#)
- Morgan Lewis & ROCKius of [Morgan Lewis](#)
- The Western Nephews of [Logikcull](#)

Ultrahazardous Activity of [Reed Smith](#)

Unfair Competition of [Mayer Brown](#)

Sponsor spotlight:

We already have several wonderful sponsors for this year’s event and we want to show them some love. Huge thanks to [Mayer Brown](#), [Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati](#), [Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP](#), [California Appellate Law Group](#), [DeLacey, Riebel & Shindell LLP](#), [Gibson Dunn & Crutcher](#), [Jones Day](#), [Logikcull](#), [Manatt Phelps & Phillips LLP](#), [ADZ Law](#), and [Greenberg Traurig](#) for supporting survivors. We couldn’t do our work without your help.

What’s next:

Stay tuned to find out how to purchase tickets, how to start casting your votes for your favorite bands, and who the final band in this year’s lineup will be.

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Creative Advocacy: Blending Talent with Support for Survivors



Photo description: Our Monologues cast on stage

This month, we want to thank Bishwanie Sookhai at [CorePower Yoga](#), the [Womxn of Color Collective](#) at Berkeley Law, and the **MauxFaux** band of [Praedicat Inc.](#), [Faraday Future](#), and [Strumwasser & Woocher LLP](#) for supporting survivors of domestic violence and their children and electing to fundraise for [FVAP](#) this year by sharing their talents. We could not continue to appeal dangerous court outcomes and keep survivors safe without your support.

What the talent has been up to:

- On January 13, [FVAP](#) supporter and Yoga Instructor at [CorePower Yoga](#), Bishwanie Sookhai, held her Yoga Sculpt class with all proceeds directed to [FVAP](#), bringing in \$395 for survivors.
- On February 21 & 22, the [Womxn of Color Collective at Berkeley Law](#) performed a version of the popular stage show Vagina Monologues called “Our Monologues.” They brought in \$2,720 in ticket sales, all designated to [FVAP](#).
- On March 21, the MauxFaux band (of [Faraday Future](#), [Praedicat, Inc.](#), and [Strumwasser & Woocher LLP](#)), played at the annual [Law Rocks](#) fundraiser in Los Angeles in support of [FVAP](#), raising \$6,113 for survivors.
- (Happening soon) On April 25, the [Greenberg Traurig](#) band, the **Latent Defects**, will also compete in [Law Rocks](#) but this time in San Francisco to raise money for survivors.

Thank you all again for your support of survivors and we wish the best of luck to [Greenberg Traurig](#) at their upcoming show.

Inspired to Give? Explore Ways to Donate



Inspired by these creative ways to support FVAP? There are many ways survivors' advocates can give to the movement to end domestic violence and they are all helpful and needed.

- One-time Cash Gifts
- Monthly Recurring Donations
- Employer Matching
- Planned Giving & [Bequests](#)
- Gifts of Stock
- [Event Sponsorship](#)

Have another way you would like to give? Reach out to us at staff@fvaplaw.org. You can also learn more about ways to give on our [donation web page](#).

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