



Caption: FVAP staff showing off terrariums we made together in a workshop facilitated by our fun and knowledgeable teacher, Seth, from Succulence!

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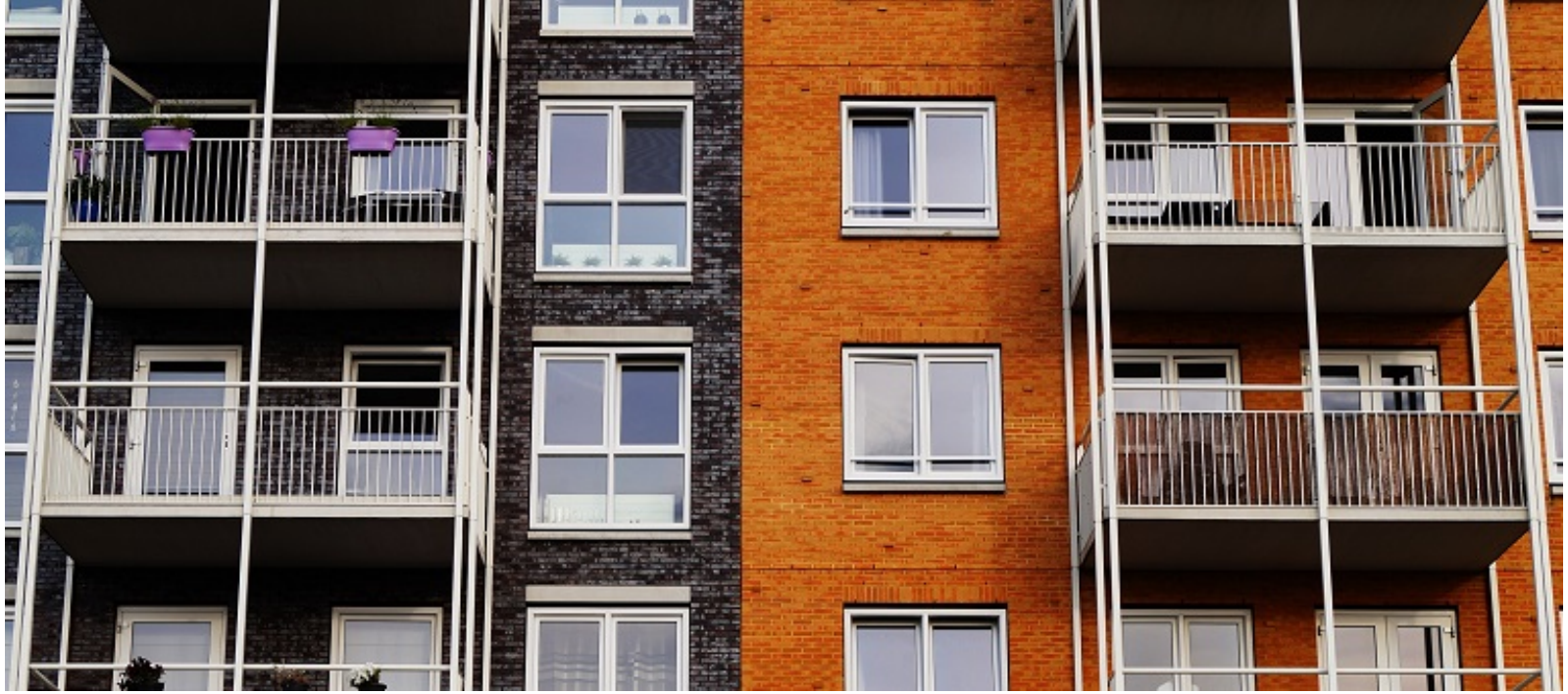
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CCUIH to Create Tribal Law Compendium



We are thrilled to share that our partner, [California Consortium for Urban Indian Health \(CCUIH\)](#), will be creating a **compendium of tribal laws**. A tribal laws compendium will be helpful for unrepresented Indigenous survivors of abuse, the advocates who support them, and for tribal lawyers. The announcement of this exciting project comes on the heels of the United States Supreme Court decision to uphold expansive tribal court jurisdiction in [Sharp v. Murphy](#), allowing the Creek Nation to prosecute non-Indians for domestic violence and other serious crimes committed on their tribal territory. We hope that the development of the compendium will be helpful to other tribal nations looking to advocate for more protections for survivors of abuse and that this and the success in [Sharp v. Murphy](#) open **more avenues to justice for Indigenous survivors**.

Housing Toolkit for Survivors Translated into 4 Languages



Our Helping Survivors Obtain Housing Toolkit was just translated into 4 new languages: **Arabic, Hmong, Russian, and Spanish**. These versions are **available now** in our [Legal Resource Library](#). We want to thank [WEAVE](#) for translating this toolkit and **being a partner** in helping broaden access to practical and important resources like this one for survivors.

With [domestic violence being a leading cause of homelessness and housing insecurity in the United States](#), [FVAP](#)'s Housing & Employment Justice Program aims to support survivors by providing resources and tools, like the Helping Survivors Obtain Housing Toolkit, and representing survivors on housing- or employment-related appeals, so that the crisis of abuse is not compounded by housing or employment instability, or loss.

Learn more about [FVAP's Housing & Employment Justice Program](#).

An Update on Supporting Survivors During COVID



During this unprecedented time, we are grateful we have been able to obtain **publication of 3 cases** this year that have set legal precedent to help survivors looking for legal protection from their abusers.

Unfortunately, the **pandemic has made it easier for abusers to cause harm**, with some research showing rates of [domestic violence increasing from 12-20%](#) in the United States, though [increased rates of domestic violence during the pandemic is a global problem](#).

With **courts starting to reopen** in some counties in California, survivors are able to seek court orders to prevent ongoing abuse of them and their children. We are starting to see an increase in requests for help and working to support as many survivors as we can.

We are also keeping the effects of COVID front of mind as we produce written and video resources for survivors and those who support them, and as we begin to represent new clients looking to appeal.

If you **support the work** we are doing, we encourage you to give to our cause if you are able.

Spotlight: Craig Stewart



This month we're putting the spotlight on **Craig E. Stewart**, who is a Partner at Jones Day and leads their Issues & Appeals Practice in California. Craig has been a tremendous support to [FVAP](#) as an Advisory Board member providing invaluable advice. He has co-counseled with [FVAP](#) on several matters, including [N.T. v. H.T. \(2019\)](#), which established precedent for survivors of domestic violence who have had requests for long-term restraining orders denied when a temporary restraining order was violated by their abuser. Craig has also been a mentor to [FVAP](#) attorneys on brief-writing and appellate procedure. Thank you, Craig, for all of your support!

Educating to End Domestic Violence



[FVAP](#) continues to provide trainings on domestic violence and appeals during this time. In the last several months, we have tailored trainings to address specific issues that are coming up because of the pandemic. Last month, we presented on the **impact COVID-19 has had on survivors of domestic abuse from marginalized communities** at the [8th Annual Cultural Competency in Family Law Practice Seminar](#), which had the highest number of attendees to date, including more than 40 Judicial Officers (active and retired), 120 Family Law Attorneys, 12 Mental health Professionals from across the State, and 10 Law Students from 3 states.

While these times are particularly difficult for survivors, we are **heartened by the number of participants** who attended this training and the diversity among them because survivors have their best chance at justice when the field is informed.

Don't Miss FVAP's Virtual Battle-of-the-Bands



We are grateful to the 8 dedicated bands of attorneys who are donating their time and talent to raise money for abuse survivors at this year’s [Banding Together to End Domestic Violence](#) rock show and competition. The competition is a little different this year, but these bands are up to the challenge of winning your favor and votes *all from a virtual stage*.

The Bands

12th Root of Two
Peter Logan Law

Flight Risk
Baker Botts

Cov'r Band
Covington & Burling

Attractive Nuisance
Greenberg Traurig

Strongly Worded Letter
Kirkland & Ellis

Morgan Lewis & ROCKius
Morgan Lewis & Bockius

The R-23s
Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Berinstein

Usual Suspects
Reed Smith

Voting

One dollar = one vote. Voting is open, so you can **vote with your dollars** for your favorite band right now up until the end of the competition. You can vote as many times as you like and in any amount.

Vote

Early Bird Registration

Be one of the first 100 people to register for this year's show and receive a **free cloth mask** when you enter your mailing address in the registration form. The show is free to watch with a recommended donation of \$22 per person.

Get my free mask!

Sponsor

Let us promote your support of free and effective appellate legal aid for low-income survivors of abuse when you sponsor this year’s battle-of-the-bands. Sponsors have a unique opportunity this year to promote to an audience that can tune in from anywhere in the

world.

Sponsor

Where and When

The show will air on www.fvapbotb.com on **October 22 at 6pm**. This year, the event will run for about 1 hour and most bands will only perform one song. Be sure to tune in early so you don't miss your favorite band's performance. Order of play coming soon.

Learn more

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