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Exciting Developments in FVAP's Housing & Employment Justice Project



- **Anticipated Legal Victory in FVAP's First Housing Appeal**

FVAP and co-counsel at [Jones Day](#) and [BASTA, Inc.](#) are representing a survivor of domestic violence who, along with her children, was evicted from her home of over a decade because of acts of abuse. **On July 1, we presented oral argument asking the appeals division to reverse the trial court's decision** that caused our client to be evicted. Based on the strength of our written record, the appeals division issued **a tentative decision in our client's favor** before the oral argument. And based on the strong performance by Jones Day at oral arguments, [FVAP](#) is hopeful that **the appeals division will ultimately reverse the trial court's decision.**

- **FVAP Welcomes New Member of HEJP Team, Gloria Carolina Chong**

FVAP is thrilled to welcome [Gloria Carolina Chong](#) to the Housing & Employment Justice Program team.



[Gloria Carolina Chong](#) is a Housing Attorney at FVAP. She has spent her entire legal career working to help serve indigent communities receive better access to justice and legal resources. Before joining FVAP, Gloria was a housing attorney with Legal Aid of Sonoma County. Her housing practice focused on defending tenants in Sonoma County through unlawful detainer litigation. Previously, Gloria practiced immigration and employment law in the nonprofit setting. Gloria graduated from the University of California, Los Angeles, with a B.A. in Psychology (2015) and from UC Davis School of Law, J.D. (2019). She became a member of

the California Bar in December 2019. Gloria is a member of the Latina Lawyers Bar Association of California and the California Young Lawyers Association.

What You Told Us: Results from our Supporter Survey



In March, we sent out a survey to you, our supporters, in order to help guide our work. Thanks to the nearly **70 of you** who responded to our survey! This is what we learned:

- Over **75%** of you want us to keep doing what we’re doing: reverse dangerous trial court decisions for survivors and create far-reaching legal precedent.
- Almost **100%** of you are happy with both the content and frequency of our communications to you.
- You endorsed **each one** of our four focus areas for our future growth.
- Over **50%** of you want to learn more about our self-help tools, such as community trainings, toolkits, tip sheets, and legal templates.

We appreciate hearing your voices and we have already begun integrating your feedback into our work. For example:

- We are set to launch our first-ever multi-year fundraising campaign in 2021. This campaign is **organized around the four areas of focus that were strongly endorsed by you.** (Stay tuned for more information about this exciting campaign!)
- We will provide you with more information about our self-help tools like toolkits, tip sheets, and templates. **In fact, keep reading** to learn about our new housing toolkit and 2021 DV Laws Compendium!

New Resources - Housing Toolkit and Updated DV Laws Compendium



FVAP's Second Housing Toolkit: Leaving Safely focuses on issues that arise when a survivor of abuse or a crime ends their lease early. The [toolkit](#) contains information sheets about early lease termination and security deposits, template letters a survivor, a survivor's household member or a survivor's immediate family member may use to end their lease early and request their landlord return their security deposit and information about resources to help a survivor safely relocate.

Updated California Domestic Violence Laws Compendium: The Compendium is a list of every law in California dealing with domestic violence from education to labor laws, to the state constitution to criminal laws, and everything in between. The Compendium provides summaries of the most important cases relating to restraining orders, child custody and visitation, and several other areas of the law. These compendiums are updated annually and are a great resource in addition to the over 60 other tip-sheets, toolkits and webinars available for free on [our website](#).

Thank You to Our Summer Law Clerks

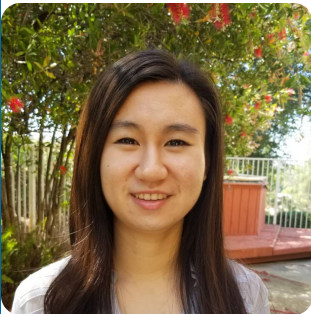
We are so grateful to our Summer 2021 legal interns who are bringing great ideas, energy and passion that will advance the work of FVAP this summer and beyond - **thank you Alice, Jessie and Stacy!**



Alice Doyle is a third year law student at UC Irvine School of Law. She is passionate about protecting the safety and wellbeing of children, and is grateful for the opportunity that interning at FVAP has given her to explore the ways the appellate system can be used to strengthen protections for children and families in crisis.



Jessie Yasutome is a third year law student at UC Davis School of Law. Jessie's passion for work that protects family safety has influenced much of her career and she is thrilled to harness that passion at FVAP this summer.



Stacy Wang is a third year law student at University of Southern California (USC). Stacy hopes to work as a family law attorney after law school and is very grateful for the opportunity at FVAP to learn more about family law and issues that survivors of domestic violence face.

Banding Together: The Lineup is Set!



The lineup is set, and we're excited to welcome back some of our favorite rock stars from [Baker Botts](#), [Covington & Burling](#), [Gibson Dunn](#), [Lief Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein](#), and [Morgan, Lewis & Bockius](#) for this year's [Banding Together to End Domestic Violence](#) virtual rock show and fundraiser. These lawyer bands will take the virtual stage **October 21 at 6pm** to compete in an epic musical battle to win the coveted title *Best Lawyer Band in the Bay*. Live stream details will be posted on www.fvapbotb.com.

Huge thanks to early sponsors including [Manatt, Phelps & Phillips](#), [Ford Family Law](#), and the band's firms that are sponsoring this year's fundraiser that supports survivors of domestic violence. Interested in supporting the cause? Check out our [sponsorship packet](#). Ticket and voting information coming soon.

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