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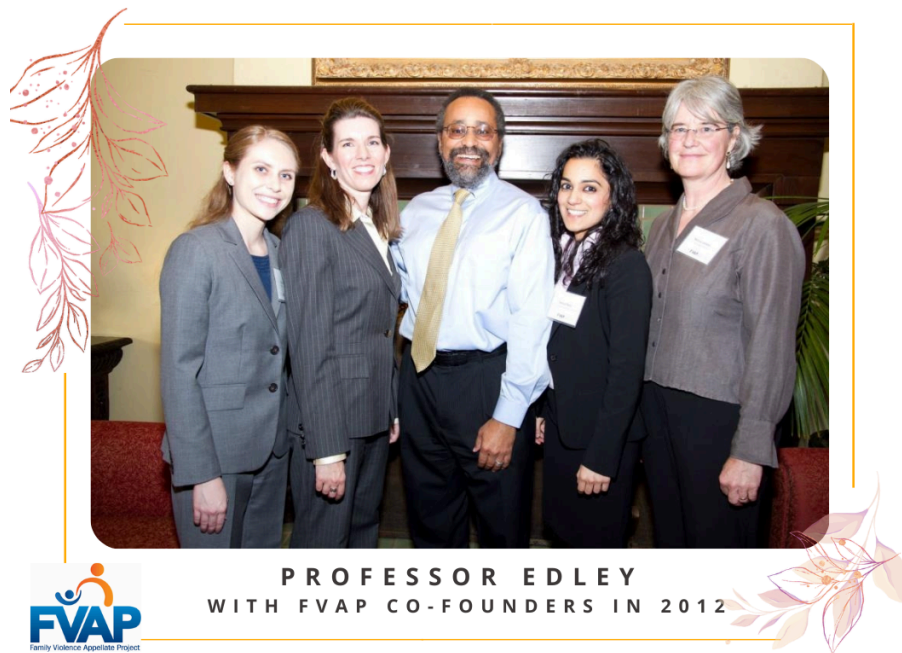
Remembering Christopher Edley, Jr.

We were heartbroken to learn of Christopher Edley, Jr.'s passing earlier this month. Professor Edley was the Dean of UC Berkeley Law when FVAP was founded in 2012. He gave us our first home – a free office in a building on Telegraph Avenue that was leased by Berkeley Law (Boalt Hall at that time). We used that office for 2.5 years until we outgrew it. We cannot express how grateful we are for Professor Edley's early support. We are deeply saddened that we have lost such a supporter and that the world has lost a luminary. - **FVAP Staff and Board of Directors**

"Dean Edley was an unwavering supporter of FVAP from day one. He introduced us to the law school and legal community by hosting a well-attended launch party in 2012, lending immediate credibility to FVAP's reputation. He provided us with an office space when we had no resources, enabling me to move from my living room to a place where I could work alongside Berkeley Law interns, meet with clients, and interview our growing staff. He lent his stellar reputation to FVAP, starting the still-ongoing tradition of Berkeley Law deans being FVAP Board Ambassadors. FVAP would not have been able to grow so fast, and so seamlessly, without Dean Edley. I will forever be grateful for his support." - Erin Smith, Co-founder

"Thank you to Dean Edley for believing in our small start-up when we had no money, no physical location, and no track record, but lots of energy and determination." - Nancy Lemon, Co-founder

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FVAP is dedicated to breaking the cycle of abuse and creating a world that is better for future generations. We accomplish this by overturning dangerous trial court decisions when we win appeals for our clients.

[G.G. v. G.S.](#) FVAP is gratified that our client G.G. will get a new hearing to determine whether her restraining order should be renewed. The published opinion will also provide guidance to courts throughout California hearing cases like G.G.'s. Read more about the helpful guidance [here](#).

- FVAP would like to thank Cory Hernandez, Shuray Ghorishi and Jennafer Dorfman Wagner, for their work on the matter.
- A special thank you to co-counsel Jeremy B. Rosen, Melissa B. Whalen, and Nicole P. Hood of Horvitz & Levy.
- We are also deeply appreciative to Mary-Christine Sungaila of Complex Appellate Litigation Group, whose Amicus Curiae brief on behalf of California Women's Law Center was extensively quoted in the opinion.



- Evangeline Stratton (FVAP Senior Managing Attorney) and Monte Jewell (Project DVORA at Jewish Family Service) co-authored this [Op-Ed](#) article. They highlight strong examples of guiding legislation for Washington state to consider and the potential benefits.
- FVAP Board Member Edie Zusman, along with the organization she co-founded Safe Living Spaces, filed an [amicus brief](#) at the U.S. Supreme Court this term in *Ohio v. William Johnson*. FVAP Advisory Board member and longtime collaborator Donald Falk authored the brief. The brief explains the connection between a survivor's medical condition after sustaining brain injuries from strangulation and how courts routinely categorize statements from survivors, leading to abusers walking away free unnecessarily.
- The Bainbridge Community Foundation (BCF) approved FVAP's first application for funding! FVAP is now included in [BCF's online grant catalog](#). BCF has a unique model where their board provides approximately 10% of the funding requested by approved applicants. BCF leverages that amount to raise the remaining 90% from DAF advisors, private foundations, and philanthropic individuals.



Sponsorship Tiers

We are excited to return to The Chapel on Thursday, September 26, 2024. Never been to our Battle of the Bands event? It's a rockin' good time! Check out our [event page](#) to learn more and watch previous performances.

FVAP is currently accepting volunteers! Free admission, training, and food and beverages are provided. PLUS you get to listen to all the amazing performances and be part of a community working to end domestic violence!

[Volunteer Sign Up](#)

We STILL have 1 band spot remaining, sign ups are on our event page. Rules and challenges are in our [band packet](#). All interested bands must sign up by July 26.

Shout out to our early sponsors:

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