



# 2025 BATTLE OF THE BANDS

## BANDING TOGETHER

TO END  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Thursday, June 26, 2025 | The Chapel | San Francisco

## BAND PACKET

We are incredibly grateful and excited to have made it this far with the support of the legal professionals by day and the rock stars by night like you who have made our battle-of-the-bands fundraisers a success year after year.

This **June 26, 2025**, we hope that you will band together with us again in support of survivors of domestic violence who depend on our collaboration to maintain free and effective legal aid for their safety.

This year's show will be **LIVE at The Chapel in San Francisco!**

The winners of the competition will take home the glory and the title of **Best Lawyer Band in the Bay**, not to mention a mighty trophy to match.

All proceeds are donated directly to the Family Violence Appellate Project (FVAP), a nonprofit that empowers survivors of domestic violence with a second chance at justice by providing free legal representation in legal appeals.

We're changing California state law by setting statewide legal precedent that prioritizes the safety and well-being of survivors and their children. Learn more at [fvaplaw.org](http://fvaplaw.org).

Thank you for supporting this important  
social justice cause!

**SIGN UP**





# HOW TO WIN

## How to win

First, Second, and Third Place are awarded based on voting (fundraising) totals. A Judges' Choice Award is also given by a panel of guest judges based on performance.

A vote = \$1.00. Votes can be cast in any amount.

Fans cast votes for their favorite band by donating in the band's name, and the band with the most votes by the end of the night (the band that raises the most money) wins. **Fans can vote at the live show or online via the band's official voting page** (created by FVAP and linked on [www.fvapbotb.com](http://www.fvapbotb.com)).

Bands also compete before the live show in pre-event fundraising challenges! Pre-event challenges include:

1. May 12-18: win an extra song in the show
2. May 19-25: to secure their preferred spot in the lineup

## Band equipment donation +votes

For each of the following instruments/pieces of equipment your band contributes to the backline, your fundraising page will be credited with votes!

- guitar amp = +200 votes
- bass amps = +300 votes
- keyboard = +500 votes
- drum = +500 votes

## Your competition

Fundraising minimum: The money raised at this event generates a sizable portion of Family Violence Appellate Project's (FVAP) annual operating budget every year. Each band is asked to raise a minimum of \$1,000 in votes in addition to the \$1,000 minimum entry fee (most of our amazing bands raise much, much more!). Bands are also encouraged to contribute by securing event sponsorship from their firms/companies. Sponsorship of \$1,000 or more waives the entry fee. All contributions are tax deductible and directly benefit California survivors of domestic violence.

\*\*\*Please note, ticket costs to the event are not tax deductible.



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**Fundraising challenges:** There are 2 fundraising challenges before the event, and the prizes will give your band a great advantage in the competition! While overall fundraising totals will help your band win 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place, to win a fundraising challenge, your band will need to raise the most money during a designated 1-week period of a challenge (not cumulative). Bands may participate in both challenges.

**1. Win An Extra Song:** Can't choose between songs? This is the challenge for you! Your band will have exactly one week to raise as much money as possible, from 12 noon to 12 noon over 7 days. **This challenge will run May 12-18. The band that raises the most in this seven-day period will be awarded an extra song to include in the show!**

**2. Choose Your Slot in the Lineup:** Win this fundraising challenge to choose your band's preferred slot in the lineup! Your band will have exactly one week to raise as much money as possible, from **12 noon to 12 noon, May 19 - May 25. The band that raises the most in this one-week period will get to choose their band's preferred performance time.** This year, the stakes are higher for winning this challenge.

Only the highest earning band will have the opportunity to pick their time slot. ALL other bands will have their names pulled from a hat to determine their time slot. Get your networks engaged and fundraise to win!

<b>Band 1</b> <b>6:15pm</b>	<b>Band 2</b> <b>6:45pm</b>	<b>Band 3</b> <b>7:15pm</b>
<b>Band 4</b> <b>7:50pm</b>	<b>Band 5</b> <b>8:25pm</b>	<b>Band 6</b> <b>8:55pm</b>

**Final time slot assignments will be announced in June following the fundraising challenges and after taking into account these factors:**

- \$20K Rock n' Roll Royalty sponsor is allowed to choose its own Band time slot
- Pre-Event Fundraiser Challenge Winner will receive more stage time for one Extra Song
- Pre-Event Fundraising Challenge Winner will get to pick their spot in the line up of the remaining time slots



# DAY OF SHOW

## TICKETS

- Each **band member** will receive an all-access VIP wristband and a complimentary drink ticket. Each **band** will receive 10 complimentary VIP tickets to give to family members/loved ones. We request that you please do not give these tickets to your co-workers; most bands' firms/companies will support the event via sponsorship, which already comes with complimentary event and drink tickets. Additional tickets will be available for purchase online (visit [www.fvapbotb.com](http://www.fvapbotb.com) for more details).

All ticket sale proceeds help FVAP provide free legal services to domestic violence survivors.

It is easiest to give out your "With the Band" loved-one VIP tickets by printing and distributing paper copies. You can also encourage your friends and family to vote, donate, and purchase tickets online at <http://www.fvapbotb.com/tickets.html>.

Thank you for Banding Together with us to help end domestic violence in California!

## VENUE

The Chapel is a historic musical venue located in the heart of San Francisco's Mission District. The Chapel Address: 777 Valencia St, San Francisco, CA 94110

All band members will have access to The Green Room and the VIP Lounge via all-access wrist bands. Bands will have a designated area in the Green Room for storage of instruments and belongings. The Green Room will be accessible only to musicians and volunteers. While FVAP supporters are all great people, please be advised that you are responsible for monitoring your own valuables.

## PARKING

Public parking is available at nearby streets and lots, but ride-sharing is strongly encouraged.

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## FOOD & DRINKS

Water bottles will be available in The Green Room, catering will be available in the VIP Lounge, and there will be 2 cash bars: one in the VIP Lounge, and one in the Main Stage room. The Chapel also has an adjoining restaurant and bar where you can purchase dinner, snacks, and drinks. TVs in the bar will live broadcast the show.

## SOUND CHECK

All bands are strongly encouraged to perform a sound check at the venue the day of the show. Your band will be assigned a sound check time between 12:15 and 5:30 p.m. You will receive notification of your band's load-in, sound check, and performance schedule at least 1 week before the event. Each band will have 20 minutes to load in equipment, and 15 minutes to sound check. Parking may be limited before 5:00, so please plan accordingly. Ride-sharing is encouraged.

## THE SHOW

Doors open to the public at 5:30pm, and the show starts at 6:00pm. Winners will be announced at 9:30pm or shortly thereafter. All bands are strongly encouraged to either stay or return at 9:25pm in case your band wins one of the awards. There will be 4 awards:

- First Place - Best Lawyer Band of the Bay
- Second Place
- Third Place
- Judges' Choice Award

**Band Sign-Up**

**SIGN UP**



# THE RULES

## CHECK-IN

All members of your band should assemble in The Green Room and check in with the Band Manager at least 20 minutes before your designated start-time.

## TIME LIMIT

There are up to 6 bands. Each band will have exactly 20 minutes on stage, including any time taken between songs to tune instruments or address the audience. This means you should plan to play 17-20 minutes of music, or 4 - 5 songs.

## LET'S BE FAIR TO THE OTHER BANDS (AVOID PENALTIES)

**Please stick to your 20-minute time limit to be fair to the other bands.** Any band that is on stage for more than 20 minutes may be penalized in their consideration for awards. The only exception will be the band that wins the Extra Song Fundraising Challenge (see "Fundraising Challenges") – that band will have exactly 25 minutes on stage.

**Set changes** should take 10 minutes to ensure the event stays on schedule.

**Your band's call time** will occur when the preceding band takes the stage.

## EQUIPMENT

Bands are encouraged to share the following back-line equipment: drum kit, keyboard, and amps. Please email **Event Planning Team at [dev@fvapl.org](mailto:dev@fvapl.org)** if you are willing to share your drum kit, keyboard, and/or amps with the backline. For each of the following instruments / pieces of equipment your band contributes to the backline, your fundraising page will be credited with votes--200 for guitar amps, 300 for bass amps, 500 for keyboard, and 500 for drums.





# BANDING TOGETHER

## What is Banding Together to End Domestic Violence?

Banding Together to End Domestic Violence is an annual attorney battle-of-the-bands fundraiser featuring lawyers who rock out for a good cause. Held annually in San Francisco, bands from California’s most philanthropic law firms and corporate legal teams compete in this epic musical battle for the coveted title: Best Lawyer Band in The Bay.

Though the competition is fierce, these rock star attorneys band together to raise thousands of dollars for survivors of domestic violence. All funds raised benefit Family Violence Appellate Project (FVAP), the only nonprofit in California dedicated to providing free appellate legal services to domestic violence survivors who need to appeal dangerous trial court decisions that leave them or their kids at risk of ongoing abuse.

# ROCKING FOR GOOD

## How You're Making a Difference

Family Violence Appellate Project believes no one should endure abuse. Unfortunately, domestic violence is far too common. 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men experience physical violence, sexual violence, or stalking by an intimate partner during their lifetime. Even when cases of intimate partner violence are brought to court, dangerous trial court decisions often continue to leave survivors vulnerable. Appeals offer a second chance at securing safety for survivors.

**Whereas the California statewide average of appeals won is 21%, FVAP wins 81% of the appeals we bring to court and 100% of appeals we defend, helping survivors get the safety and justice they deserve.**

How does my participation end domestic violence? Family Violence Appellate Project exists to keep survivors and their children safe. Studies show children living in abusive homes are far more likely to grow up to be abusers, thereby perpetuating the cycle of violence. By making sure all kids have the opportunity to grow up in safe, healthy homes, we're helping us break the inter-generational cycle of trauma and abuse.

Our innovative approach is creating tangible change and making the world a better place for the next generation. We couldn't do this critical work without you. Thank you!