



## **Spring 2026 Law Clerk Position- Remote**

FVAP is seeking 1-3 law clerks to join our dynamic California team for Spring 2026. This is a semester clerkship with a preferred minimum of 14 hours per week, though 17-18 hours is recommended and additional hours are available if necessary for credit. Starting weeks may be flexible based on the start of a clerk's academic semester, quarter, or year. While we have a workspace in Oakland, California, FVAP staff are remote. Depending on a variety of factors and a clerk's location there may be, but are not guaranteed, an opportunity to meet their supervisor or other FVAP staff in person.

We value diverse experiences and backgrounds. FVAP's clientele is diverse, and we serve individuals and advocates throughout the state, including rural, suburban, and urban populations. The ideal candidate will bring skills and experiences enabling the candidate to serve these diverse populations well in the context of domestic violence and appellate litigation. FVAP is an equal opportunity employer. In furtherance of social justice principles and to best serve our clients, FVAP is committed to supporting a diverse staff and providing culturally responsive services. Individuals of all races, ethnicities, national origins, religions, ages, sexes, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, as well as differently abled persons, survivors of domestic violence, candidates from traditionally underrepresented communities and historically oppressed groups, bilingual and bicultural candidates, and those who are the first in their family to complete college or graduate school, are encouraged to apply.

Family Violence Appellate Project is the only organization in California dedicated to appealing cases pro bono on behalf of survivors of domestic and other forms of interpersonal violence. We are committed to shaping California law to meet the need for survivors and their children to make choices that are best for them. We are also committed to supporting the statewide network of domestic violence and legal aid service providers. FVAP's work includes:

- Representing clients' pro bono in the California Courts of Appeal,
- Submitting amicus curiae briefs in cases of statewide and national importance,
- Monitoring unpublished cases daily and requesting publication of important domestic violence cases,
- Engaging in legislative and systems change advocacy efforts,
- Providing training, technical assistance, and written informational materials, and
- Facilitating information exchange among statewide and regional and local stakeholders supporting survivors.

If you are interested in being part of this exciting social justice organization and resource for domestic violence survivors and advocates across California this is the place for you! You can learn more at [www.fvaplaw.org](http://www.fvaplaw.org).

### **Essential Duties:**

Duties may include the following (other duties may be assigned):

- Assisting with an active pipeline of case referrals, including:
  - completing an initial case analysis, which includes but it not limited to:
    - reviewing the trial court record, analyzing the legal issues in the case
    - making a preliminary recommendation on whether FVAP should accept the case for appeal
- Conducting legal research and writing
- Assisting FVAP's work with pro bono co-counsel to file appellate and amicus curiae briefs and prepare for oral argument
- Analyzing and presenting social science literature in the field of domestic violence
- Assisting with updating and improving FVAP's written materials and trainings
- Contributing overall to FVAP's work to achieve its organizational mission

### **Required Qualifications and Experience:**

- Completion of at least one year of law school at an accredited school
- Excellent communication and writing skills
- Strong organizational skills
- Strong ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Significant understanding of issues specifically facing clients in crisis and low-income clients
- Strong ability to adapt to changing work environment and complete time-sensitive assignments thoroughly and on time
- Strong legal research skills
- Knowledge of the dynamics of domestic violence, domestic violence law and/or family law, either through course work or work experience or other experience. (Work or experience in other areas of interpersonal violence may qualify)

### **Strongly Preferred but not Required Qualifications and Experience:**

- Experience with civil trial or appellate court documents and procedure, particularly family court
- Experience working directly with clients in crisis
- Litigation experience at the trial or appellate level

- Completion of a course or clinical work in Evidence, Domestic Violence Law or Family Law
- Experience with writing legal concepts in plain language for non-lawyers

Law clerks are unpaid but may be eligible for funding or course credit through their law school. We can provide support letters and other documents as needed if you are offered the clerkship.

**To Apply:** Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. We encourage students to apply early in the process, but at this time we do not have a cutoff date for applications nor a deadline by which we will have a decision. If you must know by a certain date for credit registration or funding purposes, please clearly state that in your email and cover letter.

Please email the address below with your cover letter, resume and a list of the classes you have taken and registered for or a transcript (unofficial is fine). Please write in the subject line that you are applying for a 2026 Spring Law Clerkship.

All applicant emails: [avasan@fvaplaw.org](mailto:avasan@fvaplaw.org)

Attn: Arati Vasan, Senior Managing Attorney  
Family Violence Appellate Project, 1999 Harrison Street, Suite 1847, Oakland, CA 94612

Your cover letter should speak to:

- 1) why you are interested specifically in working at FVAP
- 2) how your background or experiences have prepared you to contribute to our mission and our work including performing the required duties, and any preferred qualifications you may have, and
- 3) how your background or experiences have prepared you to contribute to our commitment to diversity and cultural humility amongst our team of staff, interns and law clerks.

Feel free to think broadly about your response to these questions, applying various aspects of your life and personal experience.

Thank you for your interest in FVAP!