

Justice in Time:

When Urgent Legal Remedies become Lifelines

An Exclusive Sponsorship Invitation

Overview

Every day, survivors of domestic violence are forced to live with dangerous, unjust court orders that threaten their safety and their children's well-being. Standard appeals—taking more than 500 days on average—offer no relief when the risk is immediate. That is where writs come in: a rare, high-stakes legal remedy that can change a survivor's future in days or weeks.

Writs have historically been out of reach for low-income survivors. They are complex, fast-moving, and require deep expertise to succeed. FVAP's new **Lifeline to Justice Program** changes that reality. Born out of an Equal Justice Works Fellowship and now ready to scale statewide, this program is, to our knowledge, the first and only of its kind in the country. We are building a system where writs are no longer a closed door, but a **lifesaving legal pathway** available to all survivors—not just the wealthy or well-connected. In just two years, FVAP has fought for and won 3 major successes due to the work of this program.

By sponsoring this groundbreaking program, your firm has the opportunity to:

- Champion innovation in access to justice by helping launch and formally institutionalize
 one of the first-ever writ access models in the nation.
- Save lives by providing survivors and their children with the urgent legal remedies they need to escape harm.
- 3. Elevate your firm's public profile with recognition in FVAP's statewide newsletter, social media features, firm recognition on all public program materials developed in 2026, business cards, and signature blocks. Further, sponsoring firms receive a free 30 minute in-service training on the writs process in California plus early access to all program-related trainings developed in 2026.

Your firm's sponsorship will fortify the program in 2026.

In 2026, FVAP's **Lifeline to Justice Program** moves from development into full-scale launch. Having already created foundational resources—including a <u>writs definitions sheet</u>, a <u>California writs flow chart</u>, and a <u>comprehensive FAQ</u>—the program is expanding its reach through expert-led trainings, further direct services, and broad education. Over the next year, FVAP will:

- Accept referrals and provide full legal representation for writs cases where survivor safety is at immediate risk.
- 2. **Deliver statewide trainings** to private attorneys, legal aid attorneys, and advocates on identifying writ-worthy cases, making effective referrals, and handling writs directly.
- Conduct a wide-scale outreach campaign to ensure that survivors, advocates, and attorneys across California know how to access this lifesaving remedy.
- 4. **Provide expert consultation** to attorneys navigating writ petitions, expanding capacity across the legal field.
- Develop and distribute free written materials (for attorney, advocate, and survivor audiences), including a writ filing guide, a guide that outlines common family law orders challengeable via writ petition, and further expansion on writ petition templates.

Sponsorship:

Your sponsorship of \$10,000–\$30,000 will directly contribute to broader efforts to transform this program from pilot to permanent, ensuring that survivors facing life-threatening situations are not left without options. This is a rare moment to join us in creating a new frontier of legal advocacy—one that your firm can help bring to scale.

Now is the time to stand with survivors, invest in innovation, and help shape a model that will redefine what's possible in appellate justice.

If interested, please submit this short interest form.

If your firm is not in a position to sponsor the program at this time, FVAP also offers **customized, fee-for-service trainings** on writ practice for your attorneys—providing both valuable professional development and the opportunity to strengthen your team's expertise in this urgent area of law.

We thank you for your interest, and welcome any questions you may have.

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