

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, typically every summer in San Francisco in June, 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 rockstar attorneys will band together to raise thousands of dollars for California 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.

How to enter

Eligible bands should consist of at least 50% attorneys and/or employees from one law firm, law office, or corporate legal department. (Other configurations may be considered.) To apply, fill out the 2-page application form at the bottom of this PDF and submit it by August 1, 2021. But the sooner the better; spots fill up fast!

Once officially accepted to compete, each band is asked to submit an entry fee donation of \$1,000 or more, all of which is donated to FVAP to provide appellate legal aid to survivors of domestic violence. The \$1,000 entry fee is waived if the band's firm or company sponsors the event for \$1,000 or more. Event sponsorship comes with free event and meal tickets and a variety of marketing perks. (Entry fees and event sponsorship do not count toward the band's voting/fundraising total. See "How to win" for more.)

Band performances

Bands will be asked to pre-record their performance to be included in the show. Bands have two options for this: 1) Create a video on your own and submit it to be included in the show. 2) Work with the AV company managing the show to create separate recordings of each member in your band for your song(s); the AV company will then mix the recordings for you. Each band may play 1 song unless awarded a second song as part of pre-event fundraising challenge. Your recording should not exceed 5 minutes.

How to win

Bands' video submissions will serve as their performance for the battle-of-the-bands competition. 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 show, or online up to 6 weeks before the event via the band's official voting page (created by FVAP on GoFundMe.com). Votes can be cast in any amount. Bands also compete before the event to secure their preferred spot in the lineup, or win an extra song in the show, by participating in pre-event fundraising competitions before the event. 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.

Your competition

Competing bands in previous years came from DLA Piper, Gibson Dunn, Google, Jones Day, Kirkland & Ellis, Latham & Watkins, Lief Cabraser, Morgan Lewis, Morrison & Foerster, O'Melveny & Myers, Pillsbury, and many others.

What is Family Violence Appellate Project (FVAP)?

FVAP is the only statewide legal aid nonprofit in California dedicated to helping survivors of domestic violence appeal and overturn dangerous trial court decisions on their behalf, for free. When a court decision leaves domestic violence survivors or their children at risk of ongoing abuse (e.g., by granting child custody to an abusive parent, or denying a restraining order), FVAP gives survivors a second chance at justice, empowering them to get the safety and justice they deserve.

By working at the appellate-court level, FVAP is reshaping California law to make our state safer. Each published appellate decision sets new statewide legal precedent that prioritizes the safety and well-being of survivors and kids. We hold courts accountable and make sure California's domestic violence laws do what they are supposed to: keep families safe.

How is FVAP ending domestic violence in California? By making sure all kids can grow up in safe, healthy homes, we are breaking the intergenerational cycle of trauma and abuse. Children who grow up without abuse are far less likely to become abusive adults. Our innovative approach is creating tangible change and making California better for the next generation.

For more information, visit www.fvaplaw.org.



Banding Together to End Domestic Violence

A Virtual Rock Show

October 21, 2021



Band Application

Part 1: Band Information

To apply to play in this year's show, complete this application and email it to cpeets@fvaplaw.org. Please note spots are limited and applying does not guarantee you a spot in the lineup. Funds raised and sponsorships from past years may play a role band selection. Once accepted, each band is asked to either submit the \$1,000 entry fee donation, or secure [event sponsorship](#) from their firm/company for at least \$1,000. Both are tax-deductible (minus the cost of event entry and meal tickets for sponsors) and directly benefit CA survivors of abuse. Note that this year FVAP will be reviewing bands' song selections for [mission](#) fit. Please be conscientious in your artist and song selections. Examples of songs that would not be accepted for the show include ones that glamorize violence, demean a particular group, or are by an artist with a history of domestic violence. This year's event will be held virtually on October 21, 2021.

Band Name:

Name of law firm(s), office(s), and company/ies represented by your band:

Describe your band (Genre of music; covers/originals; examples of songs performed):

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Part 2: Band Members

Who is in your band?

Name	Instrument	Email Address

Lead Contact: _____ Email (if not above): _____ Phone #: _____

Second contact: _____ Email (if not above): _____ Phone #: _____

Applications are due **July 15, 2021**. But don't delay; spots are limited and fill up fast!
Video submissions are due September 15.

Questions? Email event coordinator, Charity Peets: cpeets@fvaplav.org or call (510) 858-7358.