

Berkeley Law Domestic Violence Field Placement

Want to work with real attorneys and clients impacted by intimate partner violence/domestic violence?

Each Spring semester, Berkeley Law students can enroll in the **Domestic Violence Field Placement** in one of a variety of placements including family law/restraining orders, defense, immigration, prosecution, asylum, appeals, employment, housing, or with a Judge.

For more information & application:



Scan the QR Code or visit:

<https://www.law.berkeley.edu/experiential/domestic-violence-law-practicum/>

Or contact the DV Field Placement Director: [Mallika Kaur](mailto:MallikaKaur@law.berkeley.edu), mallikakaur@law.berkeley.edu

* Placements are located throughout the greater Bay Area. If you are certified (taking or have taken Evidence), you can represent clients in court.

* Opportunity to work with DV survivors, learn important legal skills, experience negotiating trauma and emotions of legal work, and build a collaborative network of legal contacts.


* Enroll for 5-7 units total. 3-5 units (12-20 hrs/week) at placement, plus weekly 2 credit class. LL.M.s can enroll for 2 units (8 hrs)— provided the placement that agrees to this limited time—plus the 2-credit class.

* Satisfies the **Professional Responsibility requirement** for law school graduation.

* Companion course: Domestic Violence Law (taught by Mallika Kaur) in the Fall, is not a prerequisite, but highly encouraged.

* You can enroll twice! Springs of 2L & 3L.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE THRIVES IN *Silence*

 2 out of 3 Americans have **NEVER** talked about domestic violence with their friends.*



 safehorizon

*NO MORE and Avon Foundation 2013
All prevalence stats courtesy CDC 2010

 #PutTheNailInIt

Partial List of Possible Placements for Spring 2025

Civil Legal Settings

- Family Violence Appellate Project (appeals, mostly family law) – Oakland (remote or hybrid)
- ADZ Law (civil suits/DV torts against abusive partners) – San Mateo/remote
- District Attorney's domestic violence units – San Francisco, Alameda
- Tahirih Justice Center (asylum, VAWA self-petitions, U/T visas, forced marriage)— San Bruno
- Family Violence Law Center (restraining orders) – Oakland
- Bay Area Legal Aid (DV Family Law and Survivor Based Immigration) – Napa, Richmond, Oakland, San Francisco, Redwood City, San Jose – hybrid remote/in person placements possible.
- Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach (immigration, etc.) – SF and Oakland
- UnCommon Law (parole work with incarcerated survivors) – Oakland
- East Bay Sanctuary Covenant (asylum) – Berkeley
- Center for Gender and Refugee Studies (asylum - policy work) – SF
- Legal Aid at Work (employment issues) – SF
- Public defender's offices (Contra Costa – confirmed)
- CA Partnership to End Domestic Violence (Policy work) – Sacramento

Other placements may be possible if arranged with the instructor.