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The Brayton Purcell Summer Fellowship at the East Bay Community Law Center

Berkeley, California, June 11, 2007 — The East Bay Community Law Center (EBCLC) is pleased to announce a partnership with the law firm of BRAYTON PURCELL LLP to establish the *BRAYTON PURCELL Summer Fellowship at EBCLC*. The fellowship is part of a three-year commitment from the firm to provide summer employment opportunities for talented students from UC Berkeley's Boalt Hall School of Law and to deliver free, high-quality legal services to underrepresented Bay Area clients.

The ten-week Fellowship, which runs through Friday, August 3, 2007, supports Gina Tomaselli, a first year- student from Boalt Hall School of Law. Ms. Tomaselli has a deep commitment to social justice with over ten years of involvement in animal welfare, environmental protection, and advocacy for disenfranchised groups. Under the supervision of a staff attorney, Ms. Tomaselli's work in the housing practice focuses on eviction defense and homelessness prevention. She will receive a \$5,000 stipend made possible through a generous grant from BRAYTON PURCELL.

All Boalt summer applicants to EBCLC were considered for the Fellowship, with a preference given to candidates who demonstrated through academic, employment and/or life experiences a commitment to serving low-income, minority and underrepresented individuals and groups.

BRAYTON PURCELL LLP serves clients nationwide and has offices in Salt Lake City, UT, in Portland, OR and in Northern and Southern California. BRAYTON PURCELL handles challenging cases involving tough issues—ones that champion consumer rights, community health, and the protection that real working people need every day. They

strive to reduce hazards on the job, bringing to light problems with asbestos, beryllium, and other dangerous substances. The firm attorneys have repeatedly won multimillion dollar verdicts and settlements for their clients. These include the largest awards for asbestos victims in California and Utah. BRAYTON PURCELL also obtained the largest awards in Oregon and Washington for individuals with asbestos-related diseases other than mesothelioma. BRAYTON PURCELL has been doing this work for over 24 years, combining compassionate service with tireless advocacy.

Since 1988 the East Bay Community Law Center has served as the community based component of Boalt Hall's clinical program. Today, EBCLC is the East Bay's largest provider of free legal services to the poor and a nationally-recognized teaching clinic. Each year more than 100 Boalt students train and practice at EBCLC under the supervision of a dozen full-time staff attorneys in one of five practice areas - housing, income support, HIV & health, community re-entry, and economic justice. EBCLC's work makes the lives of East Bay community members more healthy, secure, productive and hopeful.

For more information about the Brayton Purcell Fellowship at EBCLC, please contact Tirien Steinbach, EBCLC Executive Director, (510) 548-4040, ext. 373.