



Student Information Sheet, Summer 2008

What is the East Bay Community Law Center?

The East Bay Community Law Center (EBCLC) is a nationally-recognized poverty law clinic founded by Boalt students in 1988 with the dual mission of providing high quality legal services to low-income clients and first-rate clinical education to law students.

The five practice groups at EBCLC are:

Housing Law (Litigation), defending clients who are facing homelessness due to evictions and bringing affirmative law suits to ensure safe and affordable housing.

Income Support (Administrative/Regulatory), representing clients at risk of losing welfare benefits and assisting with the transition from welfare to work.

HIV & Health (Multidisciplinary), representing clients with a broad range of health-related legal matters, including an **HIV/AIDS Law** practice, an **Immigration and Health Project** and a **Medical-Legal Partnership** with Children's Hospital Oakland.

Economic Justice (Group Representation), assisting community-driven efforts to promote equitable and responsible economic, housing, and employment practices.

Clean Slate (Criminal), assisting people with criminal records overcome obstacles to stable employment, housing and civic participation.

Why should I intern at EBCLC?

Gain Hands-on Lawyering Experience: EBCLC offers you the opportunity to put your classroom learning to work and to gain a broad range of experience in the real-life practice of law. With extensive substantive law and skills training, you have primary responsibility for your cases or projects, conduct client interviews, counsel clients, negotiate settlements, draft pleadings and represent clients in administrative hearings and court proceedings.

Receive Close, High-Quality Supervision: You choose a practice group and are assigned to work with one of EBCLC's clinical supervisors. Supervisors offer day-to-day direction on casework and projects, meet weekly to review your work, and organize unit-wide "case rounds" for all students within a practice group. You receive mid-semester and end-of-semester evaluations.

Serve the Community: This is a very challenging time for the low-income community as legal needs are great and resources to address them are increasingly scarce. Law students continue to make a substantial contribution to meeting these needs!

Build Your Resume: Non-profit employers and private law firms know that students at EBCLC have received first-rate training and supervision. The National Association of Law Placement reports that private-sector employers place a high value on the lawyering skills students learn in clinical settings such as EBCLC.

What is my time commitment if I intern at EBCLC?

The summer session is ten weeks long, Monday, May 27, 2008- Friday, August 1, 2008. Interns are expected to work 40 hours per week, Monday through Friday. Workloads in any given week may vary due to the nature of a live client practice, but you will not regularly be required to work more hours that anticipated.

How do I apply?

Interested law students should submit a resume, 3 references (at least one of which is employment-related; please include current email addresses), a short writing sample (5-10 pages), and a cover letter describing their experiences and interests to:

East Bay Community Law Center
Attn: Summer Hiring Committee
2921 Adeline Street
Berkeley, CA 94704

Candidates also may email their materials and/or questions to webinquiry@ebclc.org, and are encouraged to visit EBCLC's website, www.ebclc.org, for more information about the office and summer program. Hiring decisions are made on a rolling basis after December 1, 2008.

Other questions? Please contact Summer Hiring Committee Chair, Luan Huynh, at (510) 548-4040, ext. 371, or luanh@ebclc.org.