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**EAST BAY COMMUNITY LAW CENTER  
WELCOMES  
PERKINS COIE COMMUNITY SERVICE FELLOW  
KEVIN GORDON**

Berkeley, California, March 28, 2005 — The East Bay Community Law Center (EBCLC) is delighted to welcome Associate Kevin Gordon of Perkins Coie as a Community Service Fellow. This four-month fellowship is made possible through the generous support of the law firm of Perkins Coie, and is a unique feature of the firm's significant commitment to *pro bono* work.

During his fellowship at EBCLC, Mr. Gordon will work in EBCLC's Decriminalization of Poverty practice, directed by Tirien Steinbach. In particular, Mr. Gordon will help coordinate EBCLC's involvement in the April 2, 2005 inaugural Criminal Records Expungement Summit co-sponsored with Congresswoman Barbara Lee's office in Oakland. The summit is designed to address the significant barriers facing people with criminal records who are trying to get jobs, housing and benefits. Volunteer attorneys will be available at the summit to assist clients who are entitled to have their records cleared under state law.

Mr. Gordon has a B.A. from Harvard College and is a 2003 graduate of UC Berkeley's Boalt Hall School of Law. While at Boalt Hall, he participated for two semesters in the EBCLC clinic, working on housing and welfare cases for low-income clients. Says Mr. Gordon: "I am grateful to Perkins Coie for allowing me to devote such substantial services to the community. I had a wonderful experience at

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EBCLC as a law student, and I'm thrilled to return and work on this exciting project. Reducing barriers to employment, housing and civic participation among those who are disenfranchised in our community is a passion of mine, and something we should all care about."

The East Bay Community Law Center was founded by law students at Boalt Hall in 1988 with the dual mission of providing high quality legal services to low-income clients in Alameda County and clinical legal education opportunities for law students. EBCLC is the largest provider of free civil legal assistance to the poor in Alameda County and a nationally-recognized poverty law clinic, with services including eviction defense and housing advocacy, income and employment support, HIV/AIDS law, and community economic development. The overall goal of EBCLC's work is to help build a community that is more healthy, secure, productive, and hopeful.

Perkins Coie is a Seattle-based firm that opened its San Francisco office in 1999 to provide clients with a broad range of corporate finance, intellectual property, litigation and Internet/electronic commerce legal services. Perkins Coie attorneys work with companies at every stage of development, from startup planning to all aspects of capital formation.

For more information about the Perkins Coie Community Service Fellowship at EBCLC, please contact Tirien Steinbach at the East Bay Community Law Center at (510) 548-4040, or Mark Schickman at Perkins Coie at (415) 344-7000.