



# Building for Justice

## The Campaign for EBCLC's New Home

### CAMPAIGN STATEMENT

EBCLC has undertaken a \$3.25 million Building Campaign to acquire and renovate a new home six blocks from its present site on the Berkeley-Oakland border. **The building will allow EBCLC to expand services while remaining convenient and accessible to clients and students.**

EBCLC was founded in 1988 by law students from Boalt Hall School of Law (UC Berkeley) to provide critical legal services to the low-income community and clinical education to law students. With 125 law students each year working under the supervision of 14 lawyers, EBCLC is the largest provider of free legal services to the poor in the East Bay and Boalt Hall's largest clinical offering. EBCLC staff and students assist thousands of clients annually with legal needs related to housing, employment, income, health care and economic development.

In recent years, EBCLC has received recognition as one of the premier poverty law clinics in the country. EBCLC is distinguished from traditional legal services programs by its dual teaching-service mission, and its emphasis on innovative, multidisciplinary practices driven by client and community need.

#### EBCLC's Space Needs

Since 1988, EBCLC has rented space on the Berkeley-Oakland border. The office is ideally located for law students and clients. However, with steady program growth over the years – from a staff of three to a staff of 20, and from a handful of law students to more than 100 per year – we have long since outgrown the available space at the site. **Acquiring a permanent home will increase our long-term stability and security, and will allow us to increase services, expand opportunity and advance justice in our community.**

#### The Opportunity

EBCLC is under contract to acquire a building that is 40% larger than its current rental space. The new building was constructed in 1989. It has a beautiful open floor plan, high ceilings and abundant natural light, which will allow for design to improve the services to clients and enhance the educational experience for students. **Of critical importance, the site will maintain our convenient access to clients and students.** The building is one block from the Ashby BART station and on major east-west and north-south AC Transit bus lines.

#### The Building Campaign

**In order to purchase this building, we are seeking one-time investments from all sectors of our donor community, including individuals, law firms, corporations and foundations.** The site, with relatively minor renovation and build-out, will cost approximately \$2.25 million. Our campaign goal is to raise \$3.25 million, which includes a \$1 million Building Maintenance Fund to cover annual expenses.

During the "quiet" phase of the campaign, we have received pledges totaling \$2 million, including \$1 million from Boalt Hall earmarked for the Building Maintenance Fund. Quiet phase gifts and pledges will be used as matching challenges to public phase donors beginning in the fall 2005, thus leveraging the early investments to raise the remaining \$1.25 million. The public launch will be accompanied by a campaign designed to recognize lead donors, attract additional supporters and ensure a successful effort.