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**EAST BAY COMMUNITY LAW CENTER
ANNOUNCES THE RECIPIENT OF THE 2ND ANNUAL
SHARTSIS FRIESE PUBLIC INTEREST FELLOWSHIP**

Berkeley, California, June 1, 2005 — The East Bay Community Law Center (EBCLC) is delighted to announce the selection of Luan Huynh as the recipient of the second annual Shartsis Friese Public Interest Fellowship. This year-long fellowship is made possible through the generous support of the San Francisco law firm of Shartsis Friese LLP, and represents the second year of a three-year commitment on the part of the firm to support the provision of direct legal services to clients in the Bay Area.

Ms. Huynh will work in EBCLC's Income and Employment Support practice, providing services primarily to Southeast Asian families who are being improperly denied welfare benefits due to their disability or language access needs. Ms. Huynh — who was born in Vietnam and grew up on welfare in East Fresno, California — will provide a full range of legal assistance to this vulnerable population that is being disproportionately impacted by California's implementation of federal welfare reform. Her work will include legislative advocacy growing out of EBCLC's service to individual clients.

Ms. Huynh is a May 2005 graduate of the University of California, Los Angeles School of Law. She also attended UCLA as an undergraduate, receiving a B.A. in Political Science and Communications in 1999. She spent one year abroad at Sussex University in England studying political theory and international human rights.

Prior to law school, Ms Huynh worked at the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters, overseeing outreach to underrepresented linguistic and cultural minorities. She later joined Senator Elaine Alquist's office as a legislative aide, leading efforts to maintain critical childcare benefits for low-income people and welfare recipients.

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While in law school, Ms. Huynh volunteered at the Sunday Legal Clinic assisting low-income clients with a range of legal needs. During her first summer of law school, Ms. Huynh interned and later clerked at the Working People's Law Center in Los Angeles assisting victims of priest molestation. During the second summer of law school, she worked in the Philippines assisting stateless Vietnamese nationals with claims to relocate to the United States.

Says Ms. Huynh: "I am thrilled to receive the Shartsis Friese Fellowship because it is aligned with my personal philosophy of how to live and be in this world. The fellowship will allow me to assist people on issues I care about deeply. I value direct legal assistance because it connects me to other human beings, and goes hand-in-hand with broader policy advocacy."

The East Bay Community Law Center was founded by law students at Boalt Hall School of Law 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 and health law, community economic development, and decriminalization of poverty. The goal of EBCLC's work is to help build a Bay Area community that is more healthy, secure, productive, and hopeful.

Founded in San Francisco in 1975, Shartsis Friese LLP has over 50 lawyers. The firm has extensive trial and business litigation experience and a complex transactional practice focused on investment advisers, corporate finance, mergers and acquisitions, securities, tax, venture capital, intellectual property and real estate.

For more information about the Shartsis Friese Public Interest Fellowship, please contact Deborah Moss-West at the East Bay Community Law Center at (510) 548-4040, or Amy Hespenheide at Shartsis Friese LLP at (415) 421-6500.