

EBCLC Mourns the Passing of Alumna Rebecca Nichols



The East Bay Community Law Center is in mourning this week, as it has learned of the sudden passing of its alumna Rebecca Nichols, who died Friday, October 5th, 2012.

Rebecca worked as an intern for EBCLC's Welfare Law & Policy practice from fall 2008 through spring 2009, during which time she fought zealously for every possible referral, every single lead, and every opportunity for improvement in her clients' quality of life. Her supervising attorney, Luan Huynh remembers Rebecca as a fearless advocate in the face of indifferent bureaucrats. "Rebecca served her clients with compassion and without judgment," recalls Luan. She further reflects, "it has been a blessing for me to be a part of Rebecca's journey."

After graduating from UC Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall) in 2010, Rebecca served as a Bridge Fellow in EBCLC's Immigration practice, where her thorough work and tenacious research on behalf of her clients made one of her cases the model for later Immigration law interns. Linda Tam, EBCLC's Immigration practice Director, says of Rebecca, "as a Yale alumna, I was proud to have her in my team," adding, "I was so impressed with Rebecca's passion for learning and life outside of work. There was still too much good for her to do in the world to have lost her so early in life."

Rebecca's funeral service will take place this Sunday, October 14th, 2012 at 02:00pm in Mt. Sinai Memorial Park, Hollywood Hills, 5950 Forest Lawn Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90068 (1-800-600-0076).

In lieu of flowers or gifts, donations may be made "In Memory of Rebecca Nichols" to Bet Tzedek online at <http://www.bettzedek.org/give/> or by check to Bet Tzedek, 3250 Wilshire Blvd., 13th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90010.