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The Thelen Reid & Priest Summer Fellowship at the East Bay Community Law Center

Berkeley, California, March 15, 2006 — The East Bay Community Law Center (EBCLC) is delighted to announce a partnership with the law firm of THELEN REID & PRIEST LLP (TRP) to establish the *TRP Summer Fellowship at EBCLC*. The fellowship is part of a three-year commitment from TRP to provide summer employment opportunities for talented students from UC Berkeley's Boalt Hall School of Law and to deliver free, high-quality legal services to underrepresented Bay Area clients.

The ten-week Fellowship, from Tuesday, May 30, 2006 through Friday, August 4, 2006, will support a first-year student from Boalt Hall School of Law working under the direct supervision of an attorney in one of five practice areas at EBCLC – Community Economic Development, HIV/AIDS & Health Law, Housing Law, Income & Employment Support or the Clean Slate Clinic. The Fellow will receive a \$5,000 stipend made possible through a generous grant from THELEN REID & PRIEST LLP.

All Boalt summer applicants to EBCLC will be considered for the TRP Fellowship, with a preference given to candidates who demonstrate through academic, employment and/or life experiences: 1) a commitment to serving low-income, minority and underrepresented individuals and groups; and 2) a willingness to serve as a mentor/contact to future recipients of the Fellowship.

According to EBCLC Executive Director Jeff Selbin, "This public-private partnership with a leading Bay Area law firm will make a tangible difference in addressing the growing access to justice gap for poor people while instilling a lifelong public service commitment among its law student recipients. It's a win-win for Thelen, EBCLC and the community."

THELEN REID & PRIEST LLP is a national law firm of more than 400 attorneys. The San Francisco office has been a pillar of the California legal community since 1924. Thelen is one of the largest Bay Area firms and is home to leading attorneys in the fields of project and asset finance, construction, energy and utilities, labor and employment, and employee benefits. Thelen attorneys are active in providing *pro bono* representation to needy clients and in serving public and private civic organizations improving the quality of life in the Bay Area and California.

Since 1988 the East Bay Community Law Center has served as the community-based component of Boalt Hall's clinical program. Today, EBCLC is the East Bay's largest provider of free legal services to the poor and a nationally-recognized teaching clinic. Each year more than 100 Boalt students train and practice at EBCLC under the supervision of a dozen full-time staff attorneys.

For more information about the TRP Fellowship at EBCLC, please contact EBCLC Executive Director Jeff Selbin, (510) 548-4040, ext. 344.