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The Steven G. Zieff Summer Fellowship at the East Bay Community Law Center

Berkeley, California, October 17, 2008 — The East Bay Community Law Center (EBCLC) is delighted to announce a new partnership with Steven G. Zieff, Esq. for a Summer Fellowship at EBCLC. Summer 2008 was the first year of a three-year commitment from Mr. Zieff to provide summer employment opportunities for talented students from UC Berkeley School of Law and to deliver free, high-quality legal services to underrepresented Bay Area clients.

This summer's ten-week Fellowship supported Tanya Koshy's supervision, training and work in EBCLC's Clean Slate Clinic. Ms. Koshy provided legal assistance for people with prior criminal records who have paid their debt to society and who are trying to successfully reintegrate into the community. These clients seek to clean up their criminal records through court dismissals and sealing thereby reducing barriers to employment, housing, education and civic participation.

Ms. Koshy reflected on her summer fellowship experience. "I learned how to interact with clients so that they feel empowered, how to acknowledge my privilege and use it for good and how to be sensitive to clients with backgrounds different from my own. I am grateful for this training, which I will carry with me throughout my professional and personal life." Ms. Koshy received a \$5,000 stipend made possible through Mr. Zieff's generosity.

UC Berkeley School of Law summer applicants to EBCLC were considered for the Fellowship. Preference was given to candidates who demonstrated through academic, employment and/or life experiences, a commitment to serving low-income, minority and underrepresented individuals and groups.

Steven G. Zieff is a partner with the San Francisco based litigation firm of Rudy, Exelrod & Zieff, LLP, which strives to be the best law firm in the country specializing in the representation of

employees. The firm offers clients exceptional depth of experience, unwavering commitment to excellence, and the resources to win major cases. With focused expertise and dedication to representing employees in the courtroom and at the negotiating table, the firm has achieved landmark verdicts and settlements for clients in both individual and class action employment cases.

Since 1988 the East Bay Community Law Center has served as the community based component of UC Berkeley School of Law's clinical program. EBCLC is the East Bay's largest provider of free legal services to the poor and a nationally-recognized teaching clinic. Each year over 5,000 community members receive legal advocacy from more than 100 students under the supervision of a dozen full-time EBCLC staff attorneys. Law students come from Berkeley Law and from law schools around the country to train at EBCLC and provide assistance to clients in the areas of housing, health care, income, community reentry, and economic justice.

For more information about the Fellowship at EBCLC, please contact EBCLC Executive Director Tirien Steinbach, (510) 548-4040, ext. 373.