

## **Press Release**

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### **LINDA TAM, BOALT '00, JOINS THE EAST BAY COMMUNITY LAW CENTER TO DEVELOP A PROJECT FOCUSING ON THE NEEDS OF HIV-INFECTED IMMIGRANTS**

Berkeley, California, January 31, 2003 — The East Bay Community Law Center (EBCLC) is delighted to announce that attorney Linda Tam recently joined its staff. Linda will develop an immigration specialty within EBCLC's HIV/AIDS Law Project to serve the growing needs of HIV-infected clients in this area. Since 1990, EBCLC has been serving low-income, HIV-infected clients with a broad range of civil legal service needs, and has become one of the largest providers of such services in the country.

Linda is a 2000 graduate of Boalt Hall School of Law (UC Berkeley), where she served on the Asian Law Journal, was recruitment co-chair of the Asian Pacific American Law Students Association, and was a top student in the International Human Rights Law Clinic. Linda has extensive work and volunteer experience serving low-income clients and communities, including work most recently at La Raza Centro Legal, Disability Rights Advocates, the Department of Justice (Executive Office for Immigration Review) and the Asian Law Caucus. She also brings considerable teaching and training experience, and language ability in Spanish, French and Mandarin.

According to Linda, "I am thrilled to join a dynamic and well-respected organization such as EBCLC, and am looking forward to combining my passion for immigration law,

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teaching and service in developing this new project.” HIV/AIDS Law Project Director Sheila Hall notes, “We couldn’t be more fortunate than to have Linda come on board – her interests, expertise and deep connections to the client and student communities will be a wonderful complement to our staff and a great service to our constituents.”

The East Bay Community Law Center was founded by students from UC Berkeley’s Boalt Hall School of Law with the dual mission of providing high quality legal services to low-income residents of Alameda County and clinical legal education opportunities for law students. EBCLC’s direct legal services to the low-income community include housing, income and employment support, HIV/AIDS, and economic development. EBCLC’s clinical program exposes law students to the needs of low-income clients and communities, and provides them with the skills to make a difference in the lives of real clients.

For more information about the East Bay Community Law Center and this project, please contact HIV/AIDS Law Project Director Sheila Hall, at (510) 548-4040, ext. 329.