

## **Press Release**

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### **East Bay Community Law Center**

#### **RECEIVES NOTABLE UNIVERSITY – COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AWARD**

Berkeley, California, September 25, 2002 — The East Bay Community Law Center (EBCLC) is delighted and honored to announce its selection by UC Chancellor Robert Berdahl as a notable University and Community Partnership. For the second consecutive year, EBCLC has been recognized for its collaboration with a university department to meet the needs of the surrounding community. The award, which was presented at a reception at the Chancellor's residence on Monday, September 23, celebrates the joint efforts of EBCLC and UC's Institute of Urban and Regional Development to serve the needs of the 7<sup>th</sup> Street McClymonds Corridor Neighborhood Improvement Initiative in West Oakland. The programs jointly train and supervise graduate students in law and planning to provide technical assistance on redevelopment and revitalization to the affected community.

According to EBCLC Deputy Director Deborah Moss-West, who has overseen EBCLC's involvement in the collaborative, "The award affirms the value of our many years of partnering with IURD in general, and the significance of this project in particular. It also recognizes the benefit of bringing multidisciplinary approaches to pressing community problems and the important contributions that students can make to address them. With IURD and our students, we look forward to building upon the success of the project to date."

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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.

The University and Community Partnership Awards were established in 2000 by the Chancellor and Mrs. Robert Berdahl to celebrate the achievements of individual and groups from the university and community whose activities enhance the quality of life for local residents. EBCLC was a recipient of the award in 2001 as a collaborative partner with Boalt Hall, with whom it has been affiliated since its founding in 1988.

For more information about the East Bay Community Law Center and this project, please contact Deputy Director Deborah Moss-West at (510) 548-4040, ext. 314.