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For people living in poverty, equal access to justice is not a theoretical concept, it is the reality of a safety net keeping them from falling off the edge. For those in need, access to excellent and free legal services means having food, housing, health care, jobs, and protection against abuse. For clients, the teams of EBCLC lawyers and law students bear witness to their struggles, listen to their life stories, give voice to their concerns, and advocate for their rights. EBCLC’s holistic, multidisciplinary, and multi-modal approach means that clients are treated as individuals with dignity, respect, and compassion, and not simply as the sum of their legal issues.

For law students, the law is not just a theoretical concept, but a way of thinking, understanding, and taking action within the existing legal structures. For many students, legal doctrine comes to life through the real world experience of working in a clinical program. EBCLC students experience the fast-paced world of legal aid, where they have the opportunity to provide vital legal services to clients in need, all under the supervision of dedicated supervising attorneys.

Within this report are some highlights of EBCLC’s work to expand justice through education and advocacy. These stories represent some of the programs engaging hundreds of law students to serve thousands of clients each year. They also demonstrate ways that EBCLC continues to expand our services to creatively and effectively address the causes and conditions of poverty. We invite you to support EBCLC’s work and mission to increase and improve access to justice and create communities that are secure, productive, healthy, and hopeful.

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Solar Richmond (SR) is a perfect example of a client that is creating a transformative enterprise. SR is a nonprofit that provides solar installation training to low-income Richmond residents and youth. GC3 is now working with SR to create a worker-owned solar panel installation cooperative that will provide jobs and ownership opportunities to their solar installation graduates.
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—Dean Christopher Edley, Berkeley Law
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**Assets**
- Cash: $862,020
- Marketable securities: $1,294,509
- Grants and contracts receivable: $251,441
- Prepaid expenses: $70,092
- Fixed assets: $1,950,934
- Other assets: $250,996

**Total Assets**: $4,679,992

**Liabilities and net assets**
- Accounts payable: $31,056
- Pension plan contribution payable: $51,798
- Trust funds payable: $220,225
- Accrued vacations: $158,071
- Deferred income: $22,500
- Other liabilities: $4,549

**Total Liabilities**: $488,199

**Fund Balance**
- Unrestricted fund balance: $1,808,607
- Temporarily restricted: $405,316
- Property and HPN fund balance: $1,977,870

**Ending Fund Balance**: $4,191,793

**Total Liabilities and Fund Balance**: $4,679,992

*Unaudited financials. Audited financial statements are available upon request.*
East Bay Community Law Center
Statement of Activities—for the year ending June 30, 2012*

**Revenue**
- Grants and contract support $1,949,195
- Donations $998,502
- Fees & miscellaneous income $127,626

*Total revenue* $3,075,323
- Less: Pass through grants ($20,938)
*Net Revenue* $3,054,385

**Expenses**
- Salaries and wages $1,924,166
- Benefits and payroll taxes $576,025
- Contracted services $135,317
- Non-personnel costs $331,859

*Total Expenses* $2,967,367

*Net from Operations* $87,018

**Other Income & Expenditures**
- Housing Fund income $1,118
- Realized gains/losses $34,391
- Investment Income $34,735
- Change in value of investments ($43,877)
- Depreciation & amortization ($68,859)

*Net Other Income & Expenditures* ($42,492)

*Net Surplus/(Deficit)* $44,526

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Ana Ramirez came to EBCLC overwhelmed and anxious because she was being harassed and sued for debt that she knew did not belong to her. Staff and students at the Neighborhood Justice Clinic discovered the error: the debt collector was suing the wrong Ana Ramirez. Through extensive negotiations to get the lawsuit dismissed, NJC contested the blemish on her credit report and cleared issues with her bank.

After resolving the lawsuit, Ana came back as a volunteer with EBCLC’s Immigration Clinic to help recent immigrants with DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) applications.

“When I came to NJC because I was sued for a debt I knew was not mine I was scared, but my advocate believed me, kept me informed, and gave me hope. After the case was dismissed, I started volunteering with EBCLC’s Immigration Clinic. I am thankful I have the opportunity to help not only myself but others.”

—Ana Ramirez, NJC client
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- **HOUSING LAW CLINIC** (begun in 1988) … maintain safe and affordable housing.

- **WELFARE LAW CLINIC** (1988) … gain access to safety net public assistance programs.

- **HEALTH LAW CLINIC** (1990) … overcome barriers to primary health care and related services.

- **COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CLINIC** (1994) … create cooperative and environmentally-sustainable small businesses and organizations (currently through Green Collar Communities Clinic, begun in 2011).

- **CLEAN SLATE CLINIC** (2001) … qualify for employment, housing, and education through community reentry and reduced recidivism.

- **IMMIGRATION CLINIC** (2003) … assume a rightful place in our communities.

- **NEIGHBORHOOD JUSTICE CLINIC** (2007) … address a myriad of consumer debt, homelessness, and other general legal issues.

- **JUVENILE JUSTICE CLINIC** (2012) … stop the school-to-prison pipeline by dealing with both cause and consequence of juvenile justice system involvement.

- **POLICY ADVOCACY CLINIC** (2012) … help achieve systemic change through regulatory, legislative, and community action.
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