Project Summaries for Social Change Lawyering & Community Group Advocacy Clinic

Spring 2012
- A team of students worked with the San Francisco Human Rights Commission to design and conduct a public hearing on “The Human Rights Impact of the War on Drugs” on San Francisco residents and communities.
- A team of students (working with Legal Services for Children) interviewed local practitioners of restorative justice and synthesized the extensive literature in the field to advise an East Bay continuation high school on ways to augment or replace traditional school discipline measures with restorative justice principles and practices.
- Another team worked with the Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC) to educate a local collaborative of East Bay immigration service providers on best practices for conducting large group-processing events to help legal permanent residents complete their application to become naturalized citizens.
- Students also worked with Tenants Together, a statewide tenants’ organization, to attempt to organize tenants in Contra Costa County.

Spring 2011
- One team of students (working at Legal Services for Children) presented a series of workshops at San Francisco high schools and middle schools and convened a panel discussion to educate immigrant youth and their parents about how to prevent encounters with school, police, and juvenile probation officials from escalating into deportation proceedings.
- Students also worked with a statewide tenants’ organization (Tenants Together) and tenants in Merced, California, to draft and lobby for a just cause for eviction ordinance to prevent banks from evicting rent-paying tenants from rental housing simply because their landlord lost the property through foreclosure.
- Another student team worked with the Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC) and Bay Area grassroots immigrants groups and developed a toolkit to facilitate more effective interaction with local law enforcement agencies to minimize the harms caused by local cooperation with federal immigration enforcement initiatives.

Spring 2010
- One team of students worked with La Raza Centro Legal, the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights, and a statewide coalition of domestic workers’ organizations to lay the groundwork for passage of a Domestic Workers Bill of Rights.
- Another team worked with the ILRC and a youth-led, local organizing committee of a faith-based community organizing network to support the group’s lobbying, as “children of immigrants,” for comprehensive immigration reform legislation.
- Students also worked with the ILRC and a leadership training program in the Central Valley to enhance its young women’s understanding of, and ability to advocate around, LGBT issues.
- Students at the ILRC trained immigration service providers on pending immigration reform proposals and their documentation requirements, to encourage providers to prepare themselves and their clients for the extensive documentation that may be required of millions of applicants.

Spring 2009
- Students worked with the Asian Law Caucus to mobilize San Francisco taxicab workers through town-hall meetings and extensive outreach to oppose a City proposal that would have enabled non-drivers to own and lease taxi medallions (that otherwise would be given free to
the drivers who had waited longest on line) and laid the groundwork for future organizing of immigrant taxi drivers.

- Students (at the ILRC) designed a curriculum and conducted workshops for the members of a young women’s leadership training program in the Central Valley to prepare them to lobby school officials around issues of comprehensive sex education and access to contraception.
- Another team of students (at the ILRC) designed an analogous curriculum to train predominantly Spanish-speaking parents in another Central Valley town to dialogue effectively with school officials around issues of college-preparation.
- Students (at the ILRC) designed and created a video and delivered trainings to immigrants and the service-providers who interact with them that warned against common scams committed by unscrupulous notaries and attorneys who falsely promise immigration relief.

### Spring 2008

- Students (at the ILRC) designed and conducted workshops exploring ways that service providers might integrate voter outreach and education efforts into their daily activities with Central Valley immigrants and newly naturalized citizens;
- Worked with Public Advocates to assist members of a Minority Citizens Advisory Committee to meaningfully participate in the Metropolitan Transportation Commission’s regional planning process.
- Worked with the SF District Attorney’s Policy Office to help facilitate the creation of a San Francisco Reentry Center (where prisoners completing their sentences would receive in-custody services to facilitate their re-entry into society), developed programming for men exiting the Center, and explored County legislative options to encourage hiring of formerly incarcerated people.

### Spring 2007

- Students worked with the ILRC to design and conduct workshops throughout the Bay Area and Central Valley to foster informed discussion within immigrant communities of the nationwide program of raids by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents and of pending legislative proposals for comprehensive immigration law reform;
- Worked with Public Advocates to advise a coalition of community organizations considering the formation of a Bay Area transit riders’ union, reporting on extensive interviews with national, international, and local bus riders’ organizations;
- Worked with the Center on Race Poverty and the Environment to draft a brief and support community mobilization efforts to urge Central Valley air quality agencies to move more forcefully to improve the Valley’s worst-in-the-nation air quality;
- Worked with the ILRC to create a handbook to inform immigrant foster youth on how to recognize and successfully resolve immigration issues.

### Spring 2006

- Students with the ILRC designed and conducted two-day workshops in the Central Valley to train local *promotores* to encourage newly naturalized citizens’ voting and civic participation;
- Worked with the Youth Law Center to conduct scores of interviews and presentations to identify causes and potential solutions for several Bay Area counties’ and school districts’ failures to comply with foster youths’ state-mandated education rights;
- Worked with Public Advocates in conjunction with a class action lawsuit challenging discriminatory funding of mass transportation, worked to encourage youth advocacy for an affordable bus pass;
- Worked with the Racial Justice Project of the ACLU of Northern California to investigate incidents of racial harassment and discriminatory discipline in a Central Valley school district.