

ENTREPRENEURS IN COMMUNITY LAWYERING (ECL)
STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

In an effort to memorialize the understanding between each Participant and ECL with respect to each Participant's obligations and goals, each Participant will agree to adhere to a "Statement of Principles" that identifies the purpose of ECL to facilitate Participants in creating market-based solutions for serving modest income New Mexicans. The Statement of Principles will encourage Participants to:

- Focus on serving the legal needs of low- and moderate-income clients who typically have too much income to qualify for free legal services but do not have sufficient resources to pay for an attorney in the traditional legal market;
- Concentrate on areas of law and need that are not being met by the traditional legal market;
- Seek to make the provision of legal advice more approachable to everyday people by adapting to the needs of clients who may not have previously engaged a lawyer or asked for legal advice;
- Be innovative and strive to make legal assistance more accessible and more affordable for the clients ECL strives to serve;
- Be creative with fee arrangements and limited scope engagements (i.e., unbundled services) in order to make legal services more accessible and to provide flexibility, transparency, and certainty to the clients;
- Use technology in an efficient way to provide value to each client;
- Collaborate with other ECL Participants, mentors, and community partners;
- Be good lawyers: strive to provide excellent legal advice, contribute to the effectiveness of our justice system, and improve the profession.