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**Insight Center President, Roger A. Clay Jr.,  
receives the Michael S. Scher Award from the American Bar Association  
Forum on Affordable Housing and Community Development Law**



**OAKLAND**—The Insight Center for Community Economic Development announces its President, Roger A. Clay Jr., has received the Michael S. Scher Award for outstanding service and commitment to affordable housing and Community Development Law.

Michael S. Scher (1954-2005) was a leader in affordable housing and community development law, serving on the Forum's Governing Committee during the last 5 years of his life.

Roger was recognized for his outstanding service and commitment to affordable housing and community development law at the Annual Meeting of the American Bar Association's Forum on Affordable Housing and Community Development Law. He was presented with the Michael S. Scher Award for his more than thirty years of commitment to racial justice and to building sustainable and affordable communities. Roger has served twice as the chair of the ABA Commission of Homelessness and Poverty, on a Special Committee on HUD Law, and as the chair of the Forum. He is the co-editor of a book to be released in July, *Building Healthy Communities: A Guide to Community Economic Development for Advocates, Lawyers and Policymakers*.

The Insight Center for Community Economic Development is a national consulting organization that develops and implements solutions to help people, not just get out of poverty, but build a more stable and prosperous future for themselves, their families and their communities.

The Insight Center's work helps people become, and remain economically secure by helping to create good jobs, increasing the number and affordability of child care options, developing more effective asset building policies, and strengthening small, minority-, and women-owned businesses.

The organization was founded in 1969 as part of the nation's War on Poverty effort, and is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> year anniversary in Washington D.C. on November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

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