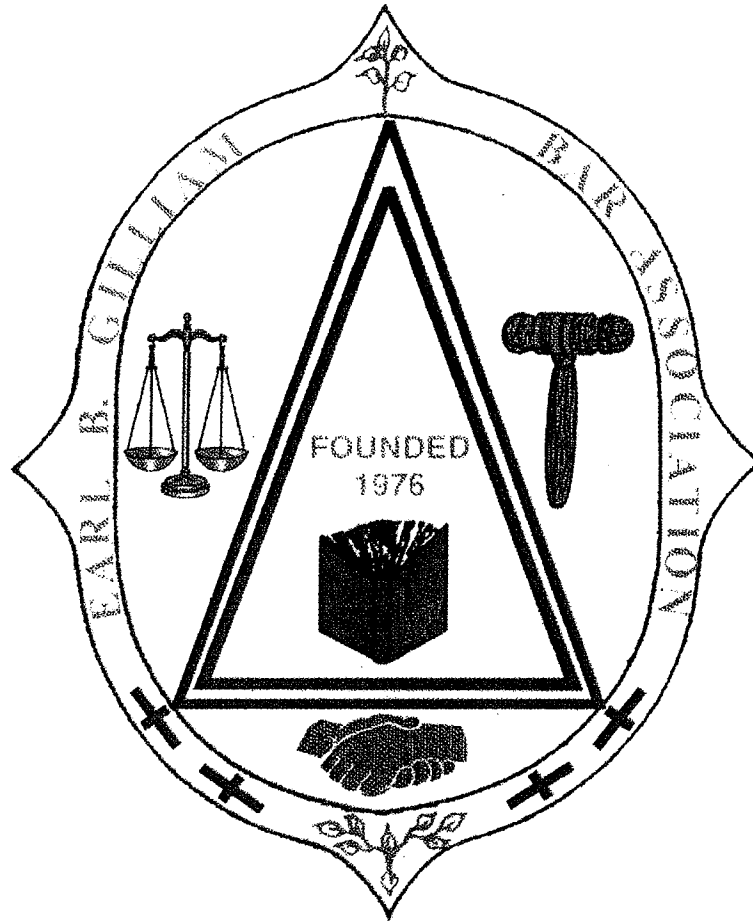


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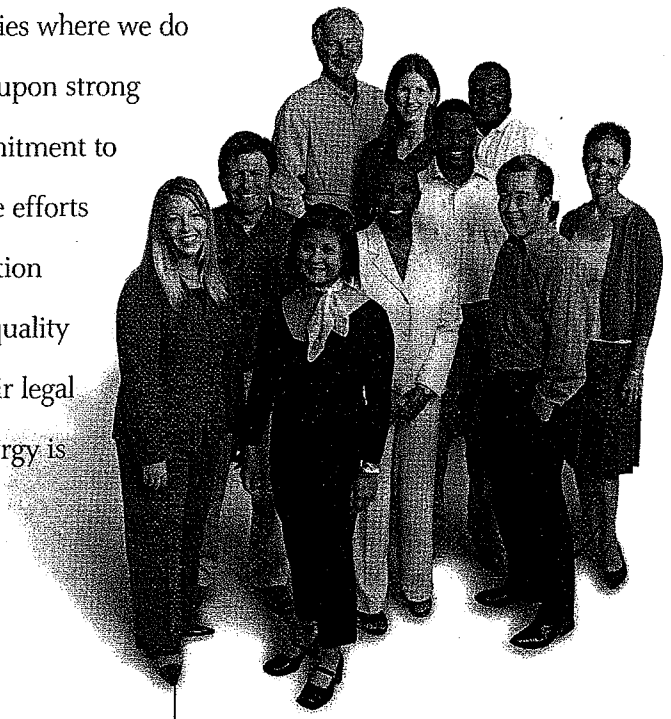
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## **The Honorable Earl B. Gilliam**

**1931 – 2001**



The late Earl B. Gilliam received his Bachelor of Arts degree from San Diego State College in 1953 and his Juris Doctor degree from Hastings College of Law in San Francisco in 1957. That same year he began his legal career as a deputy district attorney in the San Diego District Attorney's Office.

In 1961, Gilliam went into private practice for two years before becoming a judge on the San Diego Municipal Court in 1963. He became the first African American to serve as a San Diego County Superior Court judge in 1975. In 1980, President Jimmy Carter appointed him as judge of the United States District Court, Southern District of California, where he attained senior status in 1993.

Judge Gilliam was a law professor at Western State College of Law, an instructor in urban and rural studies at the University of California at San Diego, and a guest lecturer at the United States International University.

Judge Gilliam was honored with more than a dozen awards during his legal career, including Young Man of the Year, San Diego Chamber of Commerce (1965); Citizen of the Year for San Diego (19763 and 1994); Good Guy Award for San Diego (1974); Golden Man of the Year, Boy's Club of San Diego (1981); Trial Judge of the Year, San Diego Trial Lawyers Association (1981); and the San Diego High School Wall of Honor (1994).

Judge Gilliam's community and civic activities included the following: Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity (Founding Member); Founder and Organizer, Black Jewish Dialogue; Chairman, Legal Committee of the NAACP; Board of Directors and Vice President YMCA; and Advisory Committees for the Board of Education on Equal Education. Some of the numerous organizations that Judge Gilliam served as a member of the Board of Directors include: Villaview Hospital Foundation; San Diego Kind Corporation; Burn Institute; San Diego State University Alumni Association; Salvation Army; YMCA; Urban League; Navy League; and 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the City of San Diego.

In 1982, the Association of Black Attorneys of San Diego County, which was formed in 1976, formally changed its name to the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association. EBGBA represents the interests of over 200 African American lawyers, judges, law professors and students as well as the African American community in San Diego.

Most recently, in 1997, Judge Gilliam received the Wiley A. Branton Award from the National Bar Association; and in 1998, the Judicial Pioneer Award from the California Association of Black Lawyers. In 1998, Judge Gilliam was also inducted into the National Bar Association Hall of Fame that honors lawyers who have been licensed to practice for forty years or more and have made a significant contribution to the cause of justice.

## History

The Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association of San Diego County, Incorporated ("EBGBA"), was originally established in 1976 as the Association of Black Attorneys of San Diego County. The Association was formed for the purpose of equipping its members with practical tools, educational programs, and informative publications to assist in the practice of law and to take public positions on appointments to the judiciary, the proper administration of the court system, and other issues confronting the community and profession.

In 1982, the Association formally changed its name to Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association, in recognition of the Honorable Earl B. Gilliam the first African American United District Court Judge for the Southern District of California. The late Judge Gilliam was also the first African American to serve as a San Diego County Superior Court Judge.

Today, EBGBA continues to be extremely committed and dedicated to: "Defending the legal and human rights of African Americans; eliminating the root causes of poverty; powerlessness and racism; preserving the high standards of integrity, honor and courtesy in the legal profession; and promoting the professional and personal interests of individual members." The EBGBA is committed to taking a public stand on issues confronting our community and profession.

The EBGBA continues to make positive contributions to the citizens of San Diego County:

- **Neighborhood Law School (NLS).** NLS was created in 1990 by Randy K. Jones, a past President of the EBGBA and the National Bar Association. It is a seven-week course, during which people from the community learn about property law, criminal law, family law, business and tax law, health care law and employment discrimination law. NLS provides citizens with knowledge about the legal system and their rights and responsibilities.
- **Kathy Payne Scholarship Program.** In honor of a former board member who in 1990 was suddenly stricken with multiple sclerosis, the Association awards scholarships to outstanding San Diego law students who have demonstrated a commitment to their community.
- **Public Forums and Seminars.** The Association sponsors public debates for candidates running for various public offices. The Association also joins with other bar associations to co-sponsor seminars on topics such as eliminating bias in the work place, promoting diversity in the profession and starting your own practice.
- **Mentor/Visitation Programs.** Members volunteer to serve as mentors for law students, helping them matriculate through law school and transition into the profession. Also members regularly travel to inner city schools to speak to students of all ages on the importance of staying in school, setting goals, avoiding drugs and alcohol and developing self-esteem. The members take the opportunity to share their life experiences and thus serve as role models for future generations.
- **Annual Juneteenth Community Celebration.** On Juneteenth 1864, eighteen months after President Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation which freed the slaves in those territories still in rebellion against the Union, the African American slaves in the state of Texas heard for the first time they were free citizens. In honor of this historic occasion, the Association, their families, friends and the San Diego Community join in a day long celebration on the beach at North Island Naval Air Station.
- **Annual Student Gathering.** The Association sponsors mixers bringing together law students from the three local law schools, attorneys and judges for mentoring, networking and bonding.

## Program

- Welcome and Introduction of  
Mistress and Master of Ceremonies..... Marcus DeBose, Dinner Chairperson
- Invocation.....Rev. Arthur Cribbs  
Christian Fellowship Congregational  
Church
- Solo-"Lift Every Voice and Sing".....James Marks  
Judy Loder - pianist
- Greetings..... Demetrius D. Shelton, Esq.  
President, California Association of Black  
Lawyers
- Acknowledgment of Guests.....The Honorable Browder Willis

## ☞ Dinner ☜

- Presentation of Scholarships..... Sherry Thompson, Esq.  
Loan Shillinger  
*Kathy Payne Scholarship*  
*Earl B. Gilliam Memorial Scholarship*  
*Judicial Scholars*  
Marion Cloete  
*Lourine W. Twyman Scholarship*
- Presentation of Awards.....Petrina Burnham, Esq.  
Douglas Oden, Esq.  
Lei-Chala Wilson, Esq.
- President's Epilogue.....Petrina Burnham, Esq.
- Introduction of Keynote Speaker.....Randy K. Jones, Esq.
- Keynote Address.....Barbara Arnwine, Esq.
- Installation Oath..... The Honorable Browder Willis
- President's Prologue.....Marcus DeBose, Esq.
- Benediction.....Rev. Arthur Cribbs

Music for dance provided by Nicole Troxell.

## *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

James Weldon Johnson, Words  
John Rosamond Johnson, Music

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,  
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;  
Let our rejoicing rise, high as the listening skies,  
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,  
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,  
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet,  
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?  
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,  
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered;  
Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last  
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
Thou Who hast brought us thus far on the way;  
Thou Who hast by Thy might, led us into the light,  
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee.  
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee.  
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand,  
True to our God, true to our native land.

## **Barbara Arnwine, Esq.**

Executive Director- Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law



A graduate of Scripps College in Claremont, California, Ms. Arnwine received her law degree from Duke University School of Law. Prior to her employment with the national office of the Lawyers' Committee, Ms. Arnwine was the Executive Director of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law of the Boston Bar.

She has become renowned for her work on passage of the landmark Civil Rights Act of 1991. Throughout the 1991 campaign, the technical assistance of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights was critical to passage of the Act.

In April 1994, Ms. Arnwine visited South Africa as a member of the advance team of the Lawyers' Committee's South Africa Electoral Observers

Delegation.

In 1995, Ms. Arnwine served as the National Convenor of the National Conference on African American Women and the law held in Washington, D.C., attended by over 1,000 persons. As a result of the conference, Ms. Arnwine led a delegation to the NGO Forum and Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing. Her efforts there contributed to a United Nations Platform for Action that provides protection for women who confront multiple forms of discrimination.

In 2000, Ms. Arnwine convened the third national conference of African American Women in the Law in Washington, D.C. Some 250 participants in fifteen workshops provided input into the preparation of a Report and Action Agenda for advocacy before the UN General Assembly Special Session on Women.

In 2001, Ms. Arnwine represented African descendants from the Americas in helping draft provisions of the program for action of the UN World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and related Intolerance in Durban, South Africa. She also organized a Lawyers' Committee delegation to participate in the NGO Forum at the WCAR.

In 2002, Ms. Arnwine received the Charlotte E. Ray Award from the Greater Washington Area Chapter, Women Lawyers Division of the National Bar Association.

Ms. Arnwine has been quoted and featured in numerous media articles about civil rights and her personal accomplishments. Most recently she was profiled in the June 2003 issue of MORE Magazine in an article entitled: "We Are Family" regarding her accomplishments and those of her sister. In addition, Ms. Arnwine has been the recipient of many awards from national, regional and local civil rights organizations, most significantly, the National Bar Association's Equal Justice Award, the highest honor bestowed by that organization.

In 2004, Ms. Arnwine was a prominent leader of the nonpartisan Election Protection Coalition and helped to organize 8,000 lawyers throughout the nation to staff the 1-866 OUR VOTE National Hotline, serve as poll monitors and mobile field attorneys in over 28 states. In addition, Ms. Arnwine has been a frequent public speaker in the national media on the issue of electoral barriers and needed federal and state reforms. Currently, the Lawyers' Committee has organized a National Blue Ribbon Commission on the Voting Rights Act to conduct regional hearings throughout the nation to assess continuing obstacles to the exercise of the political franchise.

As one of the prominent leaders in the civil rights community, she fights to preserve affirmative action and diversity programs such as those under attack in the University of Michigan Case.



## **The Honorable Browder Willis, Master of Ceremonies**

The Honorable Browder Willis was appointed to the Superior Court of San Diego on April 21, 2001 by Governor Gray Davis. At the time of his appointment he had served 11 years as a Deputy District Attorney having held a variety of assignments within the office such as: Juvenile court, preliminary hearings, case issuing, misdemeanor trial team, major narcotics, gangs, and superior court trial team. Judge Willis has been involved in the following associations: San Diego County Bar Association, Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association, Deputy District Attorney Association, National Black Prosecutors Association, California Association of Black Lawyers and California Judges Association.

As a Judge he has presided over the Domestic Violence Department, Felony Disposition/Sentencing and Criminal Trial Department J.

In his spare time he coaches little league and basketball.

## President's Message

*"Lawyers Making a Difference: Celebrating the Legacy of the Brown Decision"*



Welcome to the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association's 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards and Scholarship Dinner Dance. It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your president. My theme for the 2004-2005 year was "Lawyers Making a Difference: Celebrating the Legacy of the Brown Decision." The lawyers whose efforts culminated in the *Brown vs. Board of Education* decision left a legacy of courage and accomplishment as they pursued justice and equal opportunity. In keeping with this theme and EBGBA's history of service to the community, we mentored students and provided law related information to the community. Some highlights of this past year are discussed below.

Through the Neighborhood Law School, EBGBA provided valuable information to the public on an array of law related topics including personal injury, trust and estates, consumer rights, employment discrimination and criminal law. EBGBA was a sponsor of a mayoral candidates' forum in July that provided important information to the community about the candidates for Mayor of the City of San Diego.

EBGBA continued to serve the community through the Legal Aid Society Pro Bono Program. In May, the Legal Aid Society presented EBGBA with its Outstanding Service Award. Several EBGBA members received special recognition awards. EBGBA also collaborated with the San Diego County Bar Association, the Legal Aid Society and other lawyer groups to offer pro bono legal assistance to the victims of hurricane Katrina in San Diego.

EBGBA members worked with middle school, high school and law school students. EBGBA conducted a mock trial program with 25 middle school students. The students presented their case before United States District Court Judge John Houston in his courtroom. High school students from Patrick Henry High School were given the opportunity to shadow an attorney for a day. Law student mentees were given the opportunity to network with EBGBA mentors. This year EBGBA expanded its scholarship program by adding scholarships to assist law students with bar review course fees.

This year we celebrated the naming of a new post office in the City of San Diego after the late Judge Earl B. Gilliam. It is wonderful that Judge Gilliam's accomplishments and contribution to the San Diego community continue to be acknowledged.

Sadly, the Honorable Constance Baker Motley and Rosa Parks passed away recently. Both women made tremendous contributions to promote civil rights. We must remember their contributions and vigorously promote and defend the principles for which they fought.

Once again, it has been an honor and privilege to serve as your president. Thank you for your support. I wish incoming president Marcus DeBose much success.

**Petrina M. Burnham, Esq.**



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## President-Elect's Message

### *"Everlasting Belief"*



Welcome to the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Earl B. Gilliam Scholarship Dinner Dance. Thank you for joining us to begin the year ordained as a commemoration of our "Everlasting Belief." We appreciate your presence, your contribution and your fellowship as we acknowledge the undying perseverance, the Everlasting Belief, which carried both a people and a nation through the painful realization and growing pains that eventually forced them to acknowledge the creed of their founders. Tonight we celebrate the beauty and dynamism of that creed that now fills our courthouses, both Federal and State, the upper echelons of our County's prosecutorial and defense apparatus and an ever increasing portion of our private sector legal corporations with dedicated African-American professionals. The challenge of the next twelve months, a challenge warmly embraced by my administration, will be the conversion of the vigor and prestige of the individuals who occupy these august positions into a cohesive unit and instrument of social examination within this county. Given the mandates in this organization's charter, the fundamental emphasis of this examination will focus on issues facing African-Americans. Nevertheless, on behalf of the organization, I acknowledge our collective oath as attorneys to "preserve and improve our justice system in order to assure a free and just society under law." We will pursue this obligation on behalf of all people.

Our desire to organize and coordinate our power and prestige must not overshadow our more fundamental obligation to guide those who shall follow. I believe that our progress to this point imparts upon us a responsibility to smooth the path for those now engaged in the study of law, undergraduate work and even primary education. To that end I am pleased to preside over the inaugural year of three new judicial scholarships. These grants named for Judge Napoleon Jones, Jr., Judge Elizabeth Riggs and Judge Daniel Weber, will offset the cost of the State Bar Exam preparation course of the recipient's choice. I am also proud to report that our organization has forged a relationship with Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions, who this year generously donated 1 ½ LSAT review courses. I hope to use the next 12 months to encourage county college students to prepare for the LSAT and careers in the law under this new fellowship occasioned by Earl B. Gilliam and Kaplan's joint dedication to scholastic advancement.

I wish to extend a special thanks to Civil Rights pioneer Barbara Arnwine. In a season that witnessed the death of another pioneer, Ms. Rosa Parks, I hope Ms. Arnwine's stories of courage and struggle in our nations past will inspire us all to pave the way for a better future. We have put together an exciting evening. I look forward to working with you all in the next 12 months and thank you again on behalf of the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association for celebrating our "Everlasting Belief" in a nation without boundaries and dedicated to the principle of equal justice for all.

All the Best,

**Marcus E. DeBose**  
President, Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association  
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# Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association

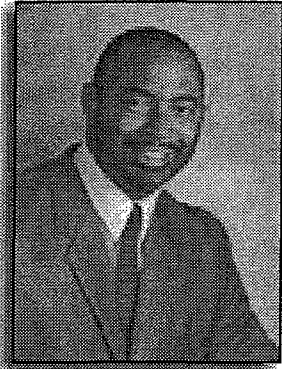
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## Frederick Douglass Award Recipient

Councilmember Anthony Young  
City of San Diego, 4th Council District



Born in Madrid, Spain, Councilmember Young grew up in San Diego's 4th Council District. He is alumni of Morse High School's class of 1985. He later graduated from Howard University on a full scholarship with a degree in socio-economics. After graduation, Councilmember Young moved back to San Diego to earn his teaching credentials from the University of San Diego on a full academic scholarship.

Councilmember Young and his wife, Jacqueline of 13 years live in Valencia Park with their daughters. He lives just a few blocks from the house his parents James and Jeanne Young raised him and his five siblings.

His interest in community affairs grew out of his experience as a public school teacher, youth mentor, gang prevention specialist, hire-a-youth coordinator, AVID coordinator, and counselor for abused children. Through these life experiences, he believes he can advance his top 3 priorities to propel the 4th Council District to a higher level of success.

Councilmember Young's top 3 priorities include public safety, community economic development, and increasing opportunities for young people to become successful.

Prior to his election to City Council, he served as Chief of Staff to Councilmember Charles L. Lewis III, Legislative Aide to San Diego County Supervisor Leon Williams and Intern for Congressman Jim Bates. He taught in San Diego City Schools at O'Farrell and Muirlands Middle Schools.

Additional programs and organizations he was involved in include, National Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID), Presenter; San Diego Urban League, Gang Prevention Specialist; Able-Disabled Advocacy, Employment Program Director; and Hillcrest Receiving Home, Counselor for Abused Children.

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Councilmember Young proudly serves on the following boards and committees:

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- Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority
- Land Use and Housing Committee
- Government Efficiency and Openness Committee
- Metropolitan Transit System Board
- Natural Resources and Culture Committee
- Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee
- SANDAG, Public Safety Committee
- Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies (SAFE)
- San Diego County Regional Authority Airport Board

## Thurgood Marshall Award Recipient

Rod W. Shelton, Esq.



Roderick Ward Shelton received a B.A. from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri in 1992. While attending Washington University, he received the Ralph Bunche Award for African-American academic excellence and the Frederick Douglas Award for establishing unity within the Black as well as the University community. Extracurricular activities were also important to Rod, he served as a starter for four years on the football team where he was the captain and received honors as an all conference defensive back. Also, he became a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and the Black Pan-Hellenic Council where he served as President in both organizations. It was at Washington University that Rod became interested in going to law school to become a civil rights attorney like his hero, Thurgood Marshall.

In 1995, Rod received his J.D. from UCLA School of Law. While attending UCLA, he was very active in the community. He was the president of the UCLA chapter of the Black Law Student Association (BLSA) as well as the Western Regional Director where he was a member of the national board. Not only was he active in BLSA, but he was a staff editor of the National Black Law Journal. After his first year of law school, he worked at the Black Law Institute in Watts, California. While working at the Black Institute, he had the opportunity to work on criminal cases. It was there where he realized his love for criminal law. Mr. Shelton had the opportunity to work on cases related to the civil unrest following the Rodney King Trial as well as gang related cases. At that point, he decided to pursue a career in criminal law and began to intern at the Los Angeles Public Defender's Office and the Federal Defender's of Los Angeles.

Upon completion of law school, Rod became a member of the State Bar of California and worked as a Deputy Public Defender in San Diego. He tried misdemeanor cases, argued legal motions, and assisted attorneys on felony cases. While at the South Bay branch of the office, he became the misdemeanor team leader, where he assigned cases to attorneys and was the liaison between the branch supervisor, judges, and prosecutors.

In 1999, Rod accepted an offer to become a Deputy District Attorney in San Diego. He began in the Central Pretrial Unit prosecuting preliminary hearings. Next, he was transferred to the East County branch and then the South County branch where he prosecuted serious felony trials including, murder, rape, and three strike cases. In January, 2005, he was transferred to the Gang Prosecution Unit where he is responsible for prosecuting gang related cases.

While in San Diego, Rod has had a strong commitment to the community. He was president of the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association (EBGBA) in 2002-2003, where he instituted the High School Shadow Program as well as the Junior High Mock Trial Program. Rod was the EBGBA Neighborhood Law School chairperson from 1999-2001, where he coordinated and moderated community law classes in Southeast San Diego. He has held the office of Vice President of the San Diego Alumni Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Also, he has been a volunteer football and basketball coach for the YMCA-South Bay. His desire to serve the community continues as he was recognized in 2004 as one of San Diego's Leaders Under 40 by the San Diego Urban League.

Rod is a member of Bethel Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Church. He is married and has three children.

## Community Service Award Recipient

Rulette Armstead, Retired Assistant Police Chief, City of San Diego



Retired Assistant Chief of Police Rulette Armstead spent thirty-one years at the San Diego Police Department. She was promoted to the rank of Police Captain on August 12, 1988, making her the first woman and the first Black to be appointed to the rank of Captain in the one hundred year history of the San Diego Police Department. Less than four years later, she was appointed to the rank of Assistant Chief of Police, which made her the highest ranking Black woman in policing in the State of California.

Chief Armstead developed the San Diego Police Department's first Equal Employment Office, which gave all Department members a non-threatening environment in which to discuss EEO problems and to resolve complaints. Recognized as an expert in the field of Domestic Violence, she was instrumental in initiating the Department's first Domestic Violence Division in 1993. Most recently she led the Department's effort to merge the Unit with the City Attorney's team to create the internationally known Family Justice Center.

Chief Armstead has received numerous honors and awards. In 1989, the International Association of Women Police honored her as Woman Police Officer of the Year. She received the Outstanding Alumna Award from San Diego State University in 1995, the Toastmasters International Communication and Leadership Award in 1997, the SYTES Award in 2001 and the Salvation Army's Woman of Distinction Award in 2005. Recently, she was inducted into the San Diego Women's Hall of Fame for being a Trailblazer for Women.

A graduate of Lincoln High School in Southeastern San Diego, Chief Armstead received her Bachelors and Masters degrees from San Diego State University. She is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy and the Senior Management Institute for Police Executives, Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government.

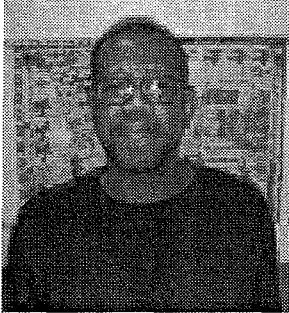
Chief Armstead is an Adjunct Professor for the San Diego Community College District. She is also an instructor for San Diego State University in the field of Criminal Justice. She has trained hundreds of current and future criminal justice practitioners.

She is currently the Executive Director of Our Place Center of Self Esteem and the Public Information Chair for the YMCA Youth and Family Services.



## **Community Service Award Recipient**

Marc Chery, Branch Manager,  
Malcolm X Library & Performing Arts Center



As branch manager of the Malcolm X Library & Performing Arts Center Marc Chery is fulfilling his lifelong love affair with books and the Word. Marc is an award-winning freelance screenwriter of several films that have aired on PBS and screened at festivals around the world. Marc has worked as a research archivist, community organizer, teacher, trade unionist and editor. In 2001, his film "Compensation" was one of 16 features selected for the Dramatic Competition at the Sundance Film Festival. Marc is a graduate of UCLA. He has master degrees in African and French Literatures and Library and Information Science.

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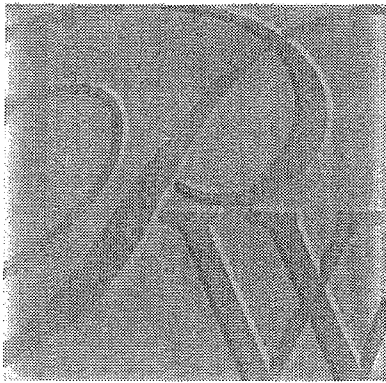
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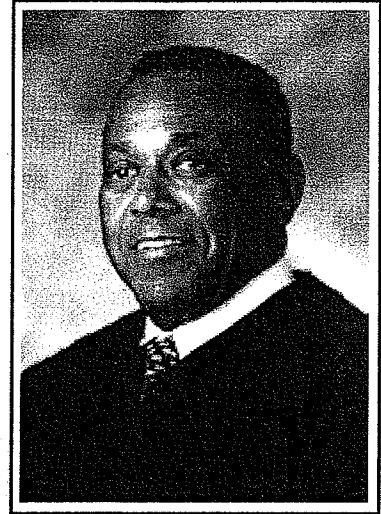
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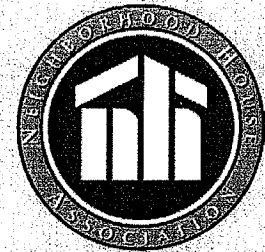
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