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33rd Annual Awards
and Scholarship Dinner
Saturday November 14, 2009
Irwin M. Jacobs Qualcomm Hall





The Honorable Earl B. Gilliam

1931 - 2001

Earl B. Gilliam received his Bachelor of Arts degree from San Diego State College in 1953 and graduated 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 Office.

In 1961, he went into private practice and continued in that capacity for two years before becoming a San Diego Municipal Court judge in 1963. He subsequently 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. In 1993, Judge Gilliam attained senior status at the United States District Court.

Judge Gilliam was the first African American U.S. District Court Judge for the Southern District of California and the first African American San Diego County Superior Court judge.

Due to his many contributions to the legal community and community at large, Judge Gilliam was honored with more than a dozen awards during his legal career, including, but not limited to, the following: San Diego Chamber of Commerce Young Man of the Year (1965); San Diego Citizen of the Year (1973 and 1994); San Diego Good Guy Award (1974); Boy's Club of San Diego Golden Man of the Year (1981); San Diego Trial Lawyers Association Trial Judge of the Year (1981); and a place on the San Diego High School Wall of Honor (1994).

Judge Gilliam's community and civic activities included participation in the following organizations: Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity; Sigma Pi Phi 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. Additionally, Judge Gilliam served as a member of the Board of Directors for numerous organizations including the following: Villa View Hospital Foundation; San Diego Kind Corporation; Burn Institute; San Diego State University Alumni Association; Salvation Army; YMCA; Urban League; Navy League; the Burn Institute of San Diego; and 200th Anniversary of the City of San Diego. Judge Gilliam was also awarded the National Bar Association's Wiley A. Branton Award (1997) and the California Association of Black Lawyers' Judicial Pioneer Award (1998). Judge Gilliam was also inducted into the National Bar Association Hall of Fame, which honors lawyers who have been licensed to practice for forty years or more and have made a significant contribution to the cause of justice.

In 1982, the Association of Black Attorneys of San Diego County (initially founded in 1976) changed its name to the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association in honor of Judge Gilliam. Today, the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association represents the interests of African American lawyers, judges, law professors and students throughout San Diego County and strives to honor Judge Gilliam's legacy of community service.

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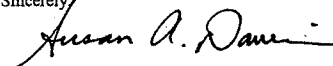
Dear Friends,

I am honored to have this opportunity to greet the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association as you come together for your 33rd annual awards and scholarship dinner.

I admire the outstanding work and wish to congratulate all the honorees and scholarship recipients at tonight's dinner. As a member of Congress, I am pleased to support the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association commitment to defending the legal and human rights of African-Americans and to preserving a high standard of integrity, honor, and courtesy in the legal profession. Please know that your efforts are continuously making a difference and are appreciated in our community.

I extend my best wishes to you. I hope you have an enjoyable celebration and many continued successes in the year ahead.

Sincerely,



SUSAN A. DAVIS
Member of Congress



JERRY SANDERS
MAYOR

GREETINGS TO THE
PARTICIPANTS AND GUESTS OF THE

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33RD ANNUAL AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIP
DINNER

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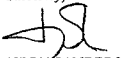
On behalf of the citizens of San Diego, it is with great pleasure that I extend my warmest greetings to the participants and guests at the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association (EBGBA) 33rd Annual Awards and Scholarship Dinner.

Since its creation in 1976, as the San Diego County Black Lawyers Association the organization that became the EBGBA in 1982, has worked to represent the interests of African-American attorneys, judges, law professors and students in the county of San Diego. I commend the EBGBA for its outstanding service to the community and its commitment 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.

I would like to congratulate the attorneys, judges, community leaders, and law firms and/or organizations that are being recognized for helping to enhance the quality of life for the greater San Diego community. I would also like to congratulate the local law students being recognized with financial scholarships for their exceptional academic achievements.

Please accept my best wishes for a memorable event and continued success in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,



JERRY SANDERS
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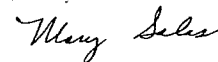
On behalf of the 79th Assembly District, I would like to congratulate the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association for 33 years of service to the greater San Diego community.

The Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association has been a significant component in educating the legal profession and the general public about the importance of providing all San Diegans with equal access to the justice system.

It is important to recognize all that the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association has accomplished in helping to improve the quality of life for San Diego. The work that has been done over the past three decades has contributed greatly to transparency in our judicial system.

Congratulations on 33 years of achievement!

Sincerely,



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Antoinette Middleton
 Attorney at Law
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Dear Antoinette:

I am pleased to write this letter of congratulations to the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association (EBGBA) on the occasion of your 33rd Anniversary and Annual Awards program! This has indeed been a very important historical year as we have celebrated the first full year in office of our first elected African American President, Barack Obama!

It is encouraging to note that the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association represents the interests of African American attorneys, judges, law professors and students in San Diego County. Your mission statement aptly articulates your organization's commitment to "defending the legal and human rights of African Americans, and preserving the highest standards of integrity, honor and courtesy in the legal profession."

I fully support your organization's mission and goals and I want to further extend my congratulations and welcome to noted civil rights and trial attorney Jock Smith, your featured keynote speaker. Enjoy your evening!

Best wishes.

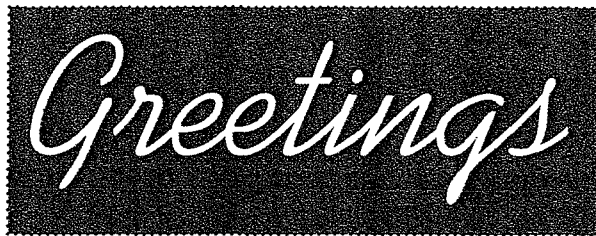
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Lei-Chala I. Wilson, Esquire
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Dear Friends:

It gives me great pleasure to extend warm greetings to all who have gathered to celebrate the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association's 33rd Annual Awards and Scholarship Dinner.

This important event serves as a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and recognize the personal efforts of those who strive for civil liberties, equality, and justice. Through giving time to better the field of law and your local communities, you have all positively impacted the lives of many and are truly deserving of recognition. I commend the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association for continuously shaping quality professionals through mentoring and financial scholarships.

As a United States Senator from the State of California, I thank the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association for its contributions to the legal community and San Diego. Please accept my best wishes for an enjoyable evening and continued success.

Sincerely,

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Dear Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association:

As a member of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, please accept my heartfelt congratulations on the occasion of your 33rd Annual Awards and Scholarship Dinner.



Since it was founded in 1976 as the San Diego County Black Lawyers Association, your organization's contributions to the community have been numerous.

By continually serving as a catalyst for both justice and an enhanced quality of life throughout our County, the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association has established itself as one of the region's most highly regarded legal and civic organizations. You are again sharing your positive message with the community as you honor tonight those who lead by example.

On behalf of the residents of the Fourth Supervisorial District, I wish you great success in your continued endeavors.

Sincerely,

Ron Roberts

RON ROBERTS
 Supervisor, Fourth District
 San Diego County Board of Supervisors

Black National Anthem

James Weldon Johnson

Lift every voice and sing,
'Til 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 'til victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chast'ning 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,
'Til 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 has brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who has 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.



Douglas A .Oden

Master of Ceremonies

Douglas A. Oden is a native of San Diego growing up in Southeast San Diego. He graduated from San Diego High School in 1968 and completed his undergraduate work at California Lutheran University with a B.A. degree in Political Science.

Mr. Oden credits the late Honorable Earl B. Gilliam with helping him succeed in law school. Mr. Oden graduated from Western State University College of Law in San Diego now known as Thomas Jefferson School of Law in 1977 in 1978. He started his own firm in 1978 and remains in private practice. Mr. Oden has always practiced both criminal and civil law. In the criminal arena, he has defended individuals charged with crimes from theft to attempted murder. He has developed a successful personal injury practice obtaining settlements and judgments for his clients ranging from a few thousand to over a half million dollars. Mr. Oden is currently the Senior Litigation attorney with the law firm of ODEN & GREENE. The firm's areas of practice include civil litigation, bankruptcy, criminal law, and personal injury.

Mr. Oden has been very active in the legal community on the local, state and national level. He is a former President of the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association and a Past President of the California Association of Black Lawyers. He is a former Lawyer Representative to the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference and has served on the Executive Board of the State Bar Solo and Small Firm Section.

Mr. Oden is also active in community affairs. He has served as Vice Chairman of the Southeastern Economic Development Corporation and is the immediate Past President of the San Diego Branch of the NAACP. He is the recipient of numerous awards including the Loren Miller Award from the San Diego Branch NAACP, the Career Achievement Award from California Lutheran University, twice selected as a recipient of the Thurgood Marshall Award and the Distinguish Service Award from the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association. He has also received Resolutions from the City and County of San Diego and the California State Assembly and the California Senate.

PROGRAM ACTS I - IV

Act I: Court Yard

Cocktail Reception (5PM -6 PM)

Music by the Curtis V Ensemble

Act II: Dining Area

Welcome & Introduction of Master of Ceremonies

Doc Anthony Anderson III, President

Acknowledgment of Special Guests

Douglas Oden, Master of Ceremonies

Black National Anthem-“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

Soloist, Shardie Flenoid

Invocation

Pastor Zack Jones, The Rock Church

Dinner

Acknowledgment of all Sponsors

Douglas Oden, Master of Ceremonies

Greetings from the National Bar Association

Greetings from California Association of Black Lawyers

Dessert

Presentation of Scholarships

Earl B. Gilliam Memorial Scholarship

- Justin Clayton

Katherine Payne Scholarship

- Deborah Cochran

Founder Scholarship

- Jennifer Carroll

Twyman Scholarship

- Matt Williams

Deborah La Touche & James Simmons Jr

Raffle Drawing Winner Announcement

Douglas Oden, Master of Ceremonies
(Assisted by Charles Bell)

Act III: Theater

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Douglas Oden, Master of Ceremonies

Musical Performance

Young Artists Music Academy:
MADA Travelling Choir

Proclamation from Mayor Sanders' Office

Ronald E. Lacey, Community Outreach

Recognition Award to EBGBA Founders	Doc Anthony Anderson III, President (Assisted by Lei-Chala Wilson, Historian)
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Douglas Oden, Master of Ceremonies
Keynote Address	Jock Smith, Esq. Founding Partner National Cochran Firm, Archivist and Author
Presentation of Awards	Doc Anthony Anderson III, President (Assisted by the 2009 Scholarship Recipients)
Frederick Douglass Community Service Awards Shirley Weber, PhD. & Robert Fikes	
Public Service Award – Corporate Fish & Richardson P.C.	
Public Service Award – Public Agency San Diego County Bar Association	
Thurgood Marshall Legal Professional of the Year Award Lea Fields-Bernards, Esq.	
Distinguished Service to the Association Awards Alfred Green Esq.; Tim Spearman JD; Udoka Nwanna, Esq. & Marion Cloete	
President's Epilogue	Doc Anthony Anderson III, President
Raffle Drawing Winner Announcement	Douglas Oden, Master of Ceremonies (Assisted by Charles Bell)
Installation Oath to Officers/Directors	Hon. John A. Houston
Installation Oath to President	Hon. John A. Houston
Closing Remarks	Antoinette Middleton, President
Benediction	Pastor Zack Jones, Rock Church
 Act IV: Dining Area	
Entertainment – D.J. Music	D. J. John Phillips, Golden Voice Productions
Book Signing	Jock Smith, Keynote Speaker

JOCK SMITH, ESQUIRE

"When I started my first national law firm for civil justice, the first lawyer I selected was Jock Smith."

*Johnnie L. Cochran, Jr.
Founding Partner*

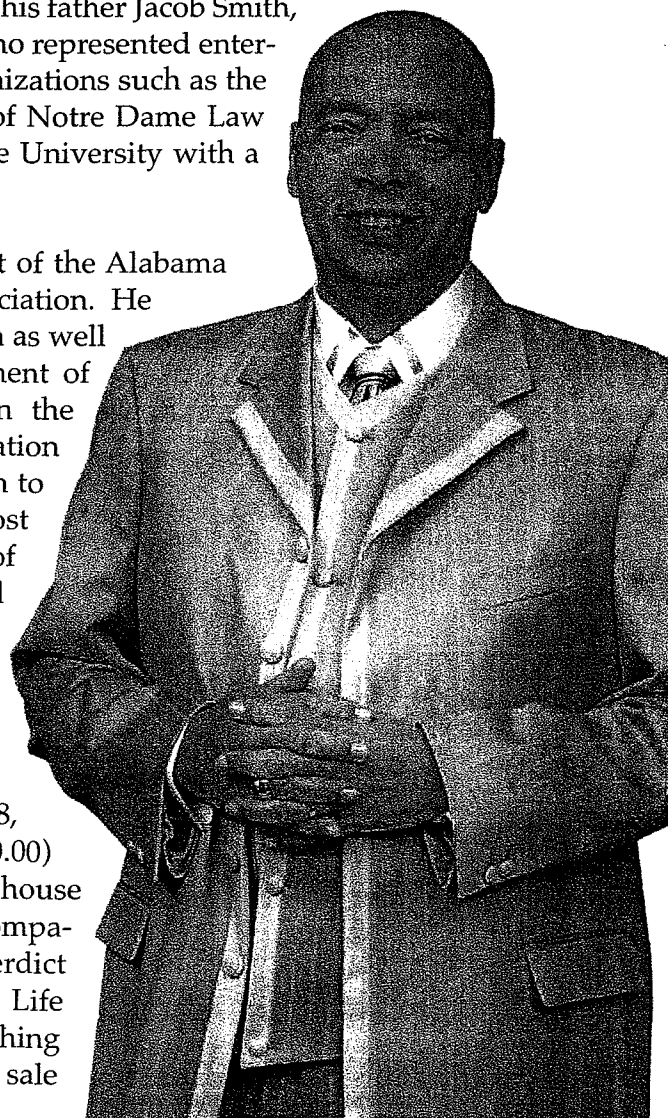
Jock is a distinguished trial lawyer and recognized as one of America's top civil litigators. President, founder, and senior partner of one of America's largest plaintiffs' law firms, The Cochran Firm, Jock practices law across the United States in the areas of civil litigation. For the past 29 years, Jock has specialized his practice to cases in the areas of automobile negligence, products liability, fraud, nursing home abuse, mass torts, class actions, general plaintiffs' tort liability claims and wrongful death.

In July of 1998, Jock Smith became national law partner to "Super Lawyer" the late Johnnie L. Cochran, Jr. as a founder and senior partner in the national law firm Cochran, Cherry, Givens & Smith, with offices in Tuskegee, Alabama, Los Angeles, New York, Chicago, Memphis, Atlanta, Washington D.C., St. Louis, Las Vegas, New Orleans, Miami, Jackson, Dallas, Birmingham and Dothan, Alabama.

Jock was influenced early in life to become a lawyer just like his father Jacob Smith, a prominent attorney and civil rights and political leader who represented entertainment giants, the likes of Count Basie and national organizations such as the NAACP. Jock earned his law degree from the University of Notre Dame Law School in 1973 after graduating with honors from Tuskegee University with a Bachelor of Science degree in history.

Jock has enjoyed a storied legal career serving as President of the Alabama Lawyers Association as well as the Macon County Bar Association. He also has served as a municipal judge in the State of Alabama as well as an administrative law judge for the Alabama Department of Environmental Management. Jock not only serves on the Executive Committee of the Alabama Trial Lawyers Association but also served as a Trial Trustee, the first African American to do so. He also has established himself as one of the most sought after speakers at legal seminars. Smith is a member of the American Bar Association and the Association of Trial Lawyers of America. In addition, he is a member of the Alabama Bar, Tennessee Bar, District of Columbia Bar, Missouri Bar and the New York Bar.

Throughout his career, Jock has obtained numerous record multi-million dollar verdicts in civil cases. On August 18, 2000, he obtained a verdict of 80 million dollars (\$80,000,000.00) in the case *Jeter v. Orkin* for an elderly black female whose house was destroyed by termites after she was defrauded by the company. Recently, Jock received a record \$1.62 billion dollar verdict (\$1,620,000,000.00) in the case *Whittaker v. Southwestern Life Insurance Company, et al.* for plaintiff Whittaker, a 50 something mother of three who was a victim of fraud arising out of the sale



and service of what she thought was a legitimate insurance policy that later proved to be nonexistent. This verdict was reported as the single largest verdict in the nation in the National Law Journal and the U.S. Lawyers Weekly for the year 2004. This verdict was reported and published in 350 newspapers and magazines nationwide including Jet magazine, Black Enterprise magazine, the Atlanta Journal Constitution and New York Times. Martindale-Hubbell has given Smith its highest rating, the AV Rating, and in May of 2006, Lawdragon Legal Magazine in Los Angeles, California selected Jock as one of America's Top 500 Trial Litigators.

In 2002, New South Books published Jock's autobiography entitled, "Climbing Jacob's Ladder: A Trial Lawyer's Journey on Behalf of the Least of These". A sought after talk-show guest, Jock has appeared on numerous national television and radio programs including, "The Tavis Smiley Show," which airs on National Public Television, "The Bev Smith Show," airing on The American Urban Radio Network, Al Sharpton's "Keeping It Real" radio program that airs on News Talk 1200 WHCB AM and "The Michael Eric Dyson Show" which airs on the same network, "The Ed Gordon Show," of National Public Radio, "Praise the Lord", which is broadcast on the Trinity Broadcast Network, and "The 700 Club," airing on the Christian Broadcast Network.

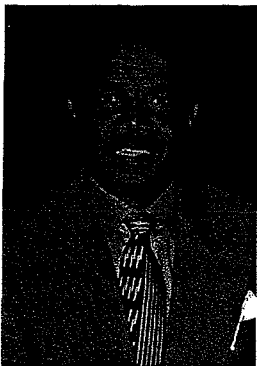
Jock has received numerous awards among which include an Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree by the Pentecostal Bible College, Tuskegee, Alabama; keys to the cities of New Orleans and Memphis; recognized by the Alabama Trial Lawyers Association for tireless dedication and unwavering commitment; inducted onto the Million Dollar Advocates Forum and received the Inaugural Johnnie L. Cochran, Jr. Journey to Justice Award in 2005 at the National Bar Association Convention.

Partly due to having a long history and commitment to championing environmental issues, Smith was inducted onto the President's Advisory Council of the National Wildlife Federation (NWF), making him the first African American to serve on that board. Founded in 1936 by President Franklin Roosevelt, the NWF has been instrumental in exposing cases of environmental injustice throughout the world.

Jock is a 20-year active member of Christian Life Church in Montgomery, Alabama. He is married to Yvette Smiley-Smith, Managing Principal of Smiley-Smith and Bright, CPA's, specializing in forensic accounting and expert witness testimony in civil litigation across the United States. Their daughter, Janay, is attending law school at Cumberland Law School in Birmingham, Alabama. Jock is dedicated to helping people who have been injured to obtain justice and fair compensation.

"Three things that describe my friend and partner, Jock Smith - integrity, courage, compassion. You can trust Jock Smith."

Johnnie L. Cochran, Jr.
Founding Partner



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Doc Anthony Anderson III

At the beginning of my term I remarked that it was "with great pleasure and excitement" that I accept the honor of being selected the President of the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association for the year 2009. Now that my term is ending, I can truthfully say in a resounding voice it was indeed an honor! It has been a great year!

Time indeed swiftly passed. The theme for my term – "Working Together to Inspire Change" is exactly what came to fruition.

My outstanding Board of Directors and Committee Chairs, numbering 18, planned and implemented a gambit of exciting and challenging activities including among others, working with and mentoring pre-law and law students of local colleges and law schools; continuing with a shadow program for high school students; instituting a business development program for attorneys in private practice; instituting a program to develop mutual working relationships with other minority bars and other associations affiliated with the San Diego County Bar Association and other legal organizations throughout San Diego County; working with other non-profits and community organizations to advance our mission of "defending the legal and human rights" of African Americans; and of course implementing programs and events so that we could simply have fun; and to promote professional and personal interests of our members. Most important, our members continued to be leaders and strong participants in the bar and the local com-

munity. My sincere thanks go out to all who assisted in my efforts to make sure that this organization's history of being a vital, vibrant and active part of the San Diego legal community continues.

Of course, and lest we forget, we were the host chapter for the National Bar Association's 2009 national convention – a first for the state of California. Under the leadership of Randy K. Jones and the Honorable Judge Randa Trapp, and with the outstanding support of each individual member of this august organization, the San Diego convention was declared the "Best" convention in the history of the National Bar Association by those visiting here as well as the leadership of the National Bar Association.

Tonight, in addition to the dinner and celebratory awards, we celebrate and honor the founding members of this organization. If you get the opportunity, please take the time to shake their hands and thank them for their efforts. We owe them our deepest gratitude for their conviction, courage and sacrifice and the legacy they have left behind.

Finally my sincere best wishes go out to the newly sworn in President, Antoinette Middleton, and her Board of Directors. May the wind forever be at your back and no water gathers in your foxhole.

Again, it has been my privilege and honor to serve as the President of this organization. Many thanks for the opportunity.

WORKING TOGETHER TO INSPIRE CHANGE



President-Elect's Bio & Message

Antoinette Mike Middleton, Esq.

The Practice of Law was a second career for Antoinette Mike Middleton. Prior to law school she was employed for nine years with New York State Division for Youth where she provided rehabilitation services to juvenile offenders and their families. Middleton received her Bachelors of Science degree, cum laude from Syracuse University in 1996 and her Juris

Doctor from California Western School of Law in 2000. At California Western she received the Pro Bono Honor Society award in 1999 and the Law School Service Award in 2000. Middleton also served as Vice President of the Black Law Student Association and was a member of the Family Law Society.

Middleton interned at Legal Aid Society of San Diego from August 1999 through December 1999. After finishing law school, Middleton clerked for Demarie & Schoenoborn, a law firm in Buffalo, NY from August 2000 through April 2002. In spring of 2002, Middleton opened her own law practice, the Law Offices of Antoinette Middleton. She is currently a private practitioner in the areas of business litigation, family law, trust and estates and probate.

Middleton is a current member of the San Diego County Bar Association and Consumer Attorneys of San Diego. She is a past board

member and Southern District Representative for California Association of Black Attorneys. Prior to her current position as President-Elect of the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association, Middleton served in the positions of Treasurer and Member At Large.

In 2006, Middleton received the Distinguished Service Award from the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association in recognition of outstanding service and dedication. In 2007 she was a recipient of the State Bar of California's Wiley M. Manuel Award for volunteering more than 50 hours of service to Legal Aid Society of San Diego.

Middleton is committed to community service and has served as both a Board Member and President of Our Place Center of Self Esteem, a non profit community organization. The primary mission of Our Place is to increase self esteem in children, especially girls and to reduce domestic violence.

As the 2009 – 2010 President of Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association, Middleton plans to collaborate with other bar associations, community organizations and corporations as the organization climbs toward excellence in the delivery of services aligned with EBGBA's primary mission.

History of the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association

The Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association was originally established in 1976 as the Association of Black Attorneys of San Diego County. In 1982, under the presidency of Daniel Weber, the organization changed its name to the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association ("EBGBA") in recognition of Honorable Earl B. Gilliam, the first African-American United States District Court judge for the Southern District of California. Judge Gilliam was also the first African-American to serve as a San Diego County Superior Court judge.

Today, EBGBA represents the interests of African-American attorney, judges, law professors and students in the county of San Diego. The non-profit organization's mission statement articulates its commitment to "defending the legal and human rights of African-American; 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 includes present and former judges, professors and officers of the National Bar Association, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the California Association of Black Lawyers, the San Diego County Bar Association and the Lawyers Club of San Diego. Many continue to serve in leadership positions on boards and committees of the State Bar of California and other organizations.

EBGBA, through its members, makes positive contributions to the community of San Diego bar participating in San Diego's annual Martin Luther King, Jr. parade, operating a Neighborhood Law School, organizing public forums and seminars, hosting annual Juneteenth Celebrations, and other activities. In addition to its activities in the community, EBGBA is committed to encouraging law student achievement by awarding scholarships, establishing mentor-mentee programs, and hosting annual law student mixers.

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- 2009 Doc Anthony Anderson
- 2010 Antoinette Middleton (president elect)

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Katherine Payne Memorial Scholarship

Deborah Cochran

Deborah Cochran, is honored to be a recipient of the Earl B. Gilliam Katherine Payne Memorial Scholarship. She is the daughter of two professors and a Thomas Jefferson School of Law student. Ms. Cochran obtained her undergraduate degree in Political Science and Sociology. After graduating, she worked several years as a bankruptcy paralegal. Soon she will enter her third year of law school. Upon graduating, Ms. Cochran's immediate goal is to clerk and then to become a District Attorney in San Diego. Outside of law school, she enjoys various athletics such as Muay Thai boxing and sprinting.



Earl B. Gilliam Memorial Scholarship

Justin Clayton

Justin Clayton was born and raised in Los Angeles, California. Mr. Clayton received a B.A. in criminology from the University of New Mexico, where he was a Division 1 scholarship athlete. He returned to Los Angeles to teach 8th grade English before deciding taking on law school. Justin is a second year law student at Thomas Jefferson School of Law. He also is a law clerk for the San Diego Public Defender's Office.



Founder's Scholarship

Jennifer Carroll

Jennifer Carroll attends Thomas Jefferson School of Law where she has been acknowledged as an Honors and Distinguished Honors Student. As a 2L, she participated in the Thomas Jefferson Mock Trial and the BLSA Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Competition. During summer, Jennifer volunteers her time with the Boys and Girls Club and the Petersburg Women's Shelter. Jennifer has worked as a summer associate for Sands Anderson Marks and Miller Law Firm, and as an intern for the Legal Aid and the Commonwealth Attorney's Office in Virginia. She begins her externship with the San Diego District Attorney's office in January 2010.

Ms. Carroll matriculated to the Virginia Military Institute as a cadet. After she received her Bachelor of Arts, Jennifer obtained a Master of Arts with a 4.0 GPA. Immediately after her degree, she became an Adjunct Professor at Virginia State University and Richard Bland College in Petersburg, Virginia. Her greatest accomplishment is being the foster parent of her two youngest siblings: Ashley, 16 and Corey, 12, and contributing to their success in education and athletics.



Twyman Scholarship

Matt Williams

Matt Williams was born in Houston Texas and received his bachelor's degree in Government from the University of Texas at Austin in 2006. As a law student at California Western, Matt is actively involved in his school's Black Law Student Association and other organizations. Upon completion of his legal studies, Matt plans to pursue a career in southern California that will give him an opportunity to promote justice and serve and protect the interests of his community.

FREDERICK DOUGLASS AWARD

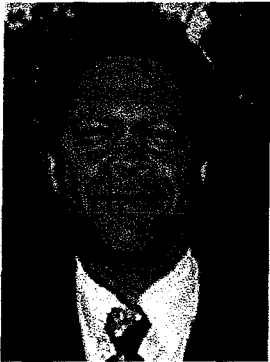


Shirley N. Weber, Ph.D.

Shirley N. Weber attended UCLA where she received her B.A., M.A. and Ph.D. by the age of 26. She graduated from UCLA as an undergraduate she was one of 12 Woodrow Wilson Fellows in a class of over 6,000. At the age of 23 she became a professor at San Diego State University where she helped develop the department of Africana Studies.

In 1988, she was elected to the Board of Education of San Diego City Schools. While a member of the Board, unprecedented progress was made in student achievement level in poor communities.

Dr. Weber is recognized nationally and internationally for her ground breaking work to establish the discipline of Africana Studies. She has authored numerous articles and chapters in books on Marcus Garvey, Black Nationalism and Black Studies. From 2002-2006 she served as president of the largest international organization of professionals in the field of Africana Studies, the National Council for Black Studies. She also chaired the department of Africana Studies at San Diego State University for over fifteen years. She has been selected Outstanding Faculty seven times, and was selected Outstanding Young Woman in America twice. She is the originator of the successful, SDSU Black Baccalaureate Service (1980-present).



Robert Fikes Jr.

Born in Birmingham, Alabama, and a first-hand witness to events that occurred during the turbulent era of civil rights protests, Robert Fikes Jr. graduated from Tuskegee University in 1970 and obtained graduate degrees in modern European history and library science at the University of Minnesota. He has spent the past 32 years as a reference librarian at San Diego State University.

His first published article, "Jose de Acosta's Window on the New World," appeared *Americas* in 1976 and was translated and published in the magazines Spanish and Portuguese editions. Among several of his monographs is *Racist and Sexist Quotations* (1992) which can be found in the reference book section of major American libraries, and two online books pertaining to the history of SDSU. Robert has published hundreds of items in books, journals, magazines, and newspapers (among them the *Oxford Companion the African American Literature*, *The Historical Encyclopedia of World Slavery*, *American National Biography*, *W.E.B. Du Bois: An Encyclopedia*, *The Greenwood Encyclopedia of African American Civil Rights*, *Crisis*, *Journal of Ethnic Studies*, *San Diego Voice & Viewpoint*, *La Prensa San Diego*, *Los Angeles Sentinel*, *Callaloo*, *Western Historical Quarterly*, *California History*, *Western Journal of Black Studies*, *Connecticut Review*, *San Diego Union*, *Journal of Negro Education*, *Negro History Bulletin*, *Journal of Blacks in Higher Education*, *Afro-Hispanic*

Dr. Weber is Director of the Academy for Effectively Teaching African American Students. This academy re-trains current teachers in Southern California on effective tools for teaching African American students. Dr. Weber is also the Executive Director of the Association for African American Educators in Southern California. She is the co-founder and Director of the W.E.B. DuBois Leadership Institute for Young Black Scholars through the NAACP, and co-Director of a Summer Institute in Ghana at the University of Lagon.

Dr. Weber annually takes a group of students to South Africa to volunteer with AIDS projects and at various youth centers and schools. For her humanitarian work, Dr. Weber has received hundreds of awards from a wide range of organizations (NAACP, Urban League, ACLU, Women's International, YMCA, National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc, etc.) too numerous to name. 2006, Dr. Weber was appointed to the Board of Directors of Southwestern Christian College, an HBCU in Terrell, Texas. In 2009, she was selected as the SDSU's Top 25 honored by President Stephen Weber.

Dr. Weber lectures widely throughout the United States, Caribbean and Africa. She is a regular speaker at various Christian Women lectureships throughout the United States. She currently serves at the mayor's appointee and Vice Chair on the Citizens' Equal Opportunity Commission.

Review, Black Art, College & Research Libraries, Library Journal, Negro History Bulletin, CLA Journal, Journal of the National Medical Association, Obsidian, Presence Africaine, Daily Californian) and he has authored numerous online pieces for BlackPast.org., AfrocentriNews.com, Inmotionmagazine.com, websites of the NAACP, etc. From 1978 to 2002 he was editor of the quarterly newsletter *CBFSA News*, the official organ of the California Black Faculty and Staff Association. His 24-page research paper on colonial troops in Europe during World War I resides in the collections of the Imperial War Museum in London, the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, and the U.S. Army Military History Institute in Pennsylvania); and a 19-page translation and commentary on a document pertaining the rebellion of the *petits-blancs* in Haiti in 1790 is in Benson Latin American Collection at the University of Texas at Austin.

Robert has appeared several times on KPBS radio and television and most recently was interviewed for a segment on the evening news of KNSD-TV Channel 7/39. In 2007 he earned one of SDSU's highest honors, the "Monty," awarded by SDSU Alumni Association to outstanding faculty. He is also the recipient of the 2004 Unsung Hero Award presented by SDSU's African Studies department and, in 2008, received a recognition memento from SDSU's War Memorial Committee for his research on the school's 221 students killed while serving in the military. Robert lives with his wife and two teenage sons in El Cajon.

Public Service Award



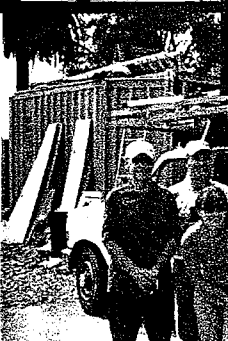
The **San Diego County Bar Association (SDCBA)** is the region's oldest and largest law-related organization with nearly 10,000 members. The SDCBA, which encompasses over 50 unique sections, committees and divisions, strives to provide its members with knowledge and tools to expand and enrich their practices. From over 300 hours of quality Continuing Legal Education each year, award winning publications, mentoring and networking opportunities, to discounted pricing on insurance, office supplies and more, the SDCBA is dedicated to serving San Diego's attorneys and the legal community.

The SDCBA also seeks to assist the public and the community at large. The organization helps more than 47,000 individuals in the community each year by assisting them to find qualified attorneys, providing legal education, and helping to resolve disputes with attorneys.

In 2009, the SDCBA launched "**Lawyers Giving Back**," a year-long campaign to promote pro bono work, volunteerism, and community service. Community Service has long-been a priority for the SDCBA, however, through this campaign the SDCBA challenged each of its members to dedicate at least 50 hours this year to volunteer service, which mirrors the American Bar Association's recommended standard for pro bono work. As part of the campaign, the SDCBA created and alerted members to a wide variety of service opportunities, from volunteering on a Habitat for Humanity "build day," to assisting distressed homeowners during the foreclosure crisis at HOME Clinics, to mentoring underprivileged young adults, and working on various pro bono projects. Notably, the SDCBA made a concerted effort to partner with sister bar associations and community organizations to extend the reach of its service projects to help as many individuals as possible. The SDCBA also developed the "**Guide to Giving Back**." This resource provides members with easy access to opportunities to serve through pro bono work or community service, or service to the legal profession. More information about the SDCBA's Community Service efforts can be found at www.sdcba.org/lawyersgivingback.

The SDCBA is keenly aware that attorneys have special skills and abilities to help the community—especially in these uncertain economic times—and the SDCBA mobilized its members in 2009 to make a positive difference in the community. The SDCBA is proud to be part of San Diego's rich history for 110 years, and looks forward to its continued service to its members and the public.

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Fish & Richardson is a global law firm practicing in the areas of intellectual property, litigation, and technology law and offers services that include worldwide IP strategy, protection, and enforcement. With more than 450 attorneys and technology specialists in 10 offices throughout the United States and an office in Germany, the firm is unlike any other law firm in the world. Founded in 1878, the firm represented Thomas Edison, Alexander Graham Bell, and the Wright Brothers. For more than 130 years we have served great innovators, helping to protect countless ideas, nurture discoveries, and bring new concepts to market.

As a firm that serves the world's greatest innovators, we know innovation often results from seeing the world in a different way. Diversity fuels innovation and encourages creativity. We recognize that diverse backgrounds provide unique perspectives that result in new and better solutions.



Fish has also been a proud supporter of the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association since 2006, and in 2009, the firm was a sponsor of the National Bar Association's 84th Annual Convention and Exhibits held in San Diego.

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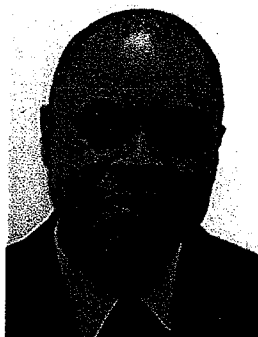
Fish is active in several local, regional and national organizations devoted to increasing diversity in the legal community and we support our professionals in their outreach activities. These include: American Bar Association Minority Counsel Program, Boston Lawyers Group, California Minority Counsel Program, Corporate Counsel Women of Color, Minority Corporate Counsel Association, Twin Cities Diversity in Practice, Hispanic National Bar Association, National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, North American South Asian Bar Association, The National LGBT Bar Association, and the Women of Color in Law.

Fish was the first law firm Platinum Sponsor of the American Intellectual Property Law Education Foundation (AIPLEF), which promotes diversity through scholarships, mentoring, and job opportunities for minority law students pursuing careers in IP law. Fish also sponsored the inaugural New York Minority Attorney Networking Series. With Resources to Insure Successful Engineers (RISE), minority engineering students at the University of Delaware spend time at Fish learning about the intersection of scientific discovery and intellectual property.

One key component of Fish's ongoing initiative to recruit, retain, and advance a diverse group of attorneys is our 1L Diversity Fellowship Program. The program annually provides fellowships to diverse first-year law students. Each selected student receives a \$5,000 scholarship, mentoring by members of the firm, and a paid summer associate position in the F&R office of the student's choice.

For Fish & Richardson, diversity is a long-term commitment, adding value to both the law firm and the legal profession as a whole.

Distinguished Service To The Association Award



Alfred Greene, Esq.

Attorney Greene received his under graduate degree in business from California State College Stanislaus in 1975 and his Juris Doctorate degree from Thomas Jefferson School of Law in 1980.

He is a partner in the law firm of ODEN & GREENE primary emphasis in the area of bankruptcy and personal injury.

He has personally handled hundreds of Chapter 13 and Chapter 7 Bankruptcy cases and is considered the Dean of Bankruptcy Law in the African-American Legal Community.

He has lectured on bankruptcy at many other community forums over the years in addition to his annual participation at the Neighborhood Law School.



Timothy Spearman, JD

Timothy Spearman attended the University of Wisconsin Green Bay where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Communications and a minor in Business Administration. It was during his time in college that he began working with urban youth at the Boys & Girls Club of America.

As a law student at the University of Wisconsin Law School, Mr. Spearman continued to focus on issues affecting urban youth. He worked for 2 years as a law clerk with the Wisconsin Coalition for Advocacy, where he helped attorneys argue for appropriate accommodations for student with disabilities within Wisconsin's public schools. In addition, Mr. Spearman was High School Site Coordinator for the Madison PEOPLE Program, a pre-college pipeline program for urban high school students, and an Associate Coordinator of Student Services for the Law School Admissions Office and helped students of colors transition into law school.

Since graduating from law school, Mr. Spearman has continued his work in law school admissions. He is currently the Director of Admissions at Thomas Jefferson School of Law in San Diego, CA. Since arriving at Thomas Jefferson, at the direction of the school's Dean, Rudy Hasl, Mr. Spearman, Beth Kransberger and Michelle Allison lead the efforts to move the school from 9% students of color to nearly 40% students of color, allowing Thomas Jefferson to become one of the most diverse law schools in the country.

Mr. Spearman and his two younger siblings, Howard and Pikina, were raised by their mother Donna Spearman.



Marion Cloete

Marion Cloete leads the Diversity Services program at California Western School of Law. Marion joined the law school in 2001 and the diversity program in 2002. Under her leadership, Diversity Services adopted the mission of facilitating access, empowerment and excellence for its law student constituents. Diversity Services embodies California Western's commitment

to diversity. Staff work diligently to increase campus diversity through active recruitment, but are also dedicated to the success of enrolled students. For example, the fall 2008 entering class of African American students achieved a 91% first-year success rate.

Diversity Services provides counseling services in such areas as financing law school, pre-professional development, and leadership. Staff members are busy with on-campus programming, and continually identify resources that help students excel in law school and in their careers. Ms. Cloete works closely with the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association to advise the bar association of the needs and experience of current law students, and to avail law students of mentorship, scholarship, and volunteer opportunities of the bar association. In addition,

the bar association maintains a constant presence on the California Western campus through speaker events, attorney panels, and attending programs of the CWSL Black Law Students Association.

In 2008, Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association member, Judge Vallera Johnson, was awarded the first California Western Mentor Award for Diversity. In 2009, California Western and Diversity Services sponsored the NBA convention's Board of Governors Reception at the University Club in support of its host, the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association. CWSL Diversity Services is also an annual sponsor of the bar association's scholarship and awards dinner, and sole sponsor of the annual Twyman Scholarship. Ms. Cloete and Diversity Services remain ever grateful to Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association for its constant support of our law students, of whom we are exceptionally proud.

A South African expatriate, Marion Cloete she was raised in Cape Town where her family still resides. She is a published and seasoned stage poet, and is featured in the film Nommogeneity starring master poet Amiri Baraka, which premiered at San Diego's World Beat Center in October. She is a frequent guest poet and instructor in poetry at San Diego City College and local public schools.

Distinguished Service To The Association Award



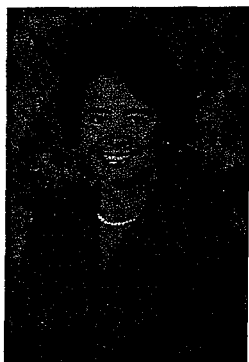
Udoka Nwanna, Esq.

Udoka Nwanna graduated from California Western School of Law in 2003 after a very active and successful three years. During law school she was a Dean's Merit Scholarship Recipient, member of the Dean's Honor List, Student Bar Association President, Vice-President of the Black Law Students Association and member of the Pro Bono Honor Society. Ms. Nwanna was a recipient of Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association's Twyman Scholarship in 2003.

After law school, Ms. Nwanna associated with Lerach Coughlin Stoia Geller Rudman & Robbins, LLP for two years. She then became a Deputy District Attorney for San Diego County, prosecuting felonies and misdemeanors. Ms. Nwanna decided to focus again on civil litigation and is now employed by Andrews Lagasse Branch & Bell, LLP. She is also an Adjunct Professor at her law school alma mater.

Ms. Nwanna is also active in the community. She is a member of the Lawyers Club of San Diego Board of Directors and a California Western School of Law Alumni Board Director. Ms. Nwanna serves as Co-Chair of the San Diego County Bar Association's Conflict Resolutions Skills Program/Peace Patrol Committee and Rady Children's Hospital Volunteer. She has supported Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association by serving as Secretary of the Board in 2006 and Social Committee Director in 2008 and 2009.

Thurgood Marshall Award Legal Professional Of The Year



Lea Fields-Bernard, Esq.

Lea Fields-Bernard received her undergraduate degree in Political Science from the University of San Diego in 1991 and Juris Doctor from California Western School of Law in 1994. Ms. Fields-Bernard also holds an Associate Degree in Legal Secretarial Science and a Paralegal Certificate.

Upon law school graduation, Ms. Fields-Bernard practiced plaintiff's personal injury law for about a year before joining the law firm of Shifflet, Walters, Kane & Konoske, where she primarily handled insurance defense matters. In June 1998, Ms. Fields-Bernard joined the San Diego City Attorney's Office, where she prosecuted criminal cases for almost ten years. While at the City Attorney's Office Ms. Fields-Bernard held positions in the General Criminal Division, Appellate Unit, Domestic Violence Unit and Neighborhood Prosecution Unit. She also served as the primary Hate Crimes Deputy and acted as Supervising Trial Deputy and Trial Team Leader. Ms. Fields-Bernard has completed nearly 100 jury trials.

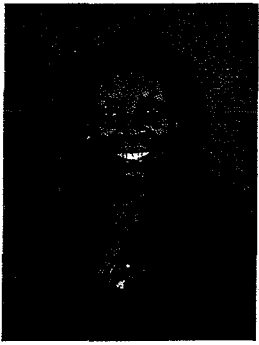
In January 2008, Ms. Fields-Bernard was appointed by San Diego City Councilmember Anthony Young as the City Council Consultant to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee and then became Council Consultant to the City's Committee on Budget and Finance. While working at City Hall, Ms. Fields-Bernard collaborated with department and mayoral staff and advised on policy issues.

In June of this year, Ms. Fields-Bernard decided to return to trial work. Combining her extensive trial experience and passion for advocacy she formed TRIAL DOGS, a trial training, consulting and trial support firm offering services throughout Southern California.

Ms. Fields-Bernard has been active in the San Diego legal community for many years. In addition to having served on the board of the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association on more than one occasion, she has served on the boards of The Barristers Club, Lawyers Club of San Diego and the San Diego County Bar Association. She currently serves on the board of the San Diego Inn of Court. Ms. Fields-Bernard is the Balance Brainstorm columnist for the Lawyers Club News and is the Chair of the Awards Committee for the San Diego County Bar Association.

Ms. Fields-Bernard has received awards for her community service from Volunteers in Parole, Inc. (Outstanding Attorney Volunteer 1998); the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association (President's Award 2001); San Diego County Bar Association (Service Award for Diversity 2004); Legal Aid Society of San Diego (Outstanding Service Award 2009); and San Diego Daily Transcript (Top Attorney 2009).

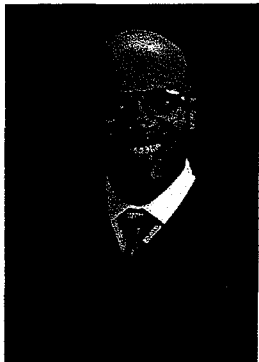
Founding Members



The Honorable Elizabeth A Rigg

Elizabeth A. Riggs has always been a leader. She was a founding chairperson of the Black Attorneys Association of San Diego, which was renamed the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association. In addition, she was the first African-American woman ever to serve on San Diego County trial courts. Judge Riggs opened El Cajon's first domestic violence court in 1997. She retired after 22 years of service.

Among the judge's honors are the Alice Paul Award from the National Women's Political Caucus, the Thurgood Marshall Award from the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association, the Phenomenal Woman Award from Bennett College, and a Special Judicial Award from the California Association of Black Lawyers. During her career, Judge Riggs served on many community boards, the Urban League Board of Directors, the board of the African-American Museum of Fine Arts, and the San Diego Legal Aid Society are a few of the boards.

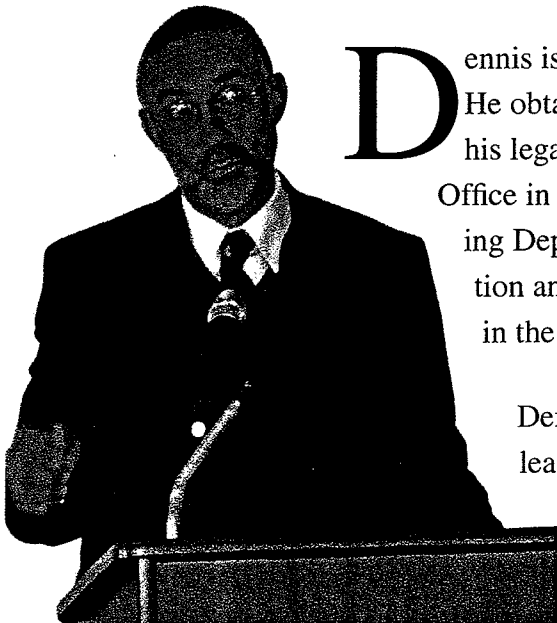


The Honorable Napoleon Jones, Jr.

The Honorable Napoleon Jones Jones, Jr. was also a founding member of the Black Attorney's Association of San Diego. Before attending law school, Judge Jones received his Bachelor of Arts and Masters of Social Work from San Diego State University. During his time at SDSU, Judge Jones founded and became the first president of SDSU's Black Student Council.

He attended University of San Diego School of Law graduating in 1971. Judge Jones served as a San Diego Municipal Court from 1977 to 1982 and Superior Court Judge from 1982 to 1994. On June 8, 1994, President Bill Clinton nominated Judge Jones to the United States District Court for the Southern District of California to fill the seat vacated by Earl B. Gilliam.

Dennis W. Dawson



Dennis is a founding member and Past President of Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association. He obtained his law degree from Howard University School of Law and commenced his legal career as a Deputy Attorney General in the California Attorney General's Office in the Natural Resources Section. He was the first African American Supervising Deputy Attorney General in San Diego, supervising the Employment, Regulation and Administration Section. He currently serves as a Deputy Attorney General in the Attorney General's Consumer Law Section.

Dennis maintains active status in the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, is the leader of the Dennis Dawson Jazz Ensemble, and is a musician with Christ the King Gospel Choir. He is a member of Howard University Alumni Association, a Board member of the Mountain View Tennis and Racquet Club, and a life member of the NAACP and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.



The Honorable Joe O. Littlejohn, Retired Superior Court

The Honorable Joe Littlejohn graduated from the University of San Diego School of Law in 1972. In 1979, Judge Earl B. Gilliam asked encouraged Judge Littlejohn to seek a judicial appointment. He declined because he had already committed to run for a seat on the San Diego Unified school board. Out of respect for his mentor and despite winning the election, Judge Littlejohn completed a judicial application. In April 1981, Judge Littlejohn was appointed to the Municipal Court. In 1994, Judge Littlejohn was elected to the Superior Court.

Judge Littlejohn's philosophy is expressed in a much-quoted Chinese proverb: "If you plan for a year, plant rice. If you plan for 10 years, plant trees. If you plan for 100 years, educate kids." Judge Littlejohn retired in April 2006.



The Honorable Ernestine Douglas Littlejohn - Administrative Law Judge, Ret.

In 1974, Ernestine Douglass Littlejohn was the first African American woman to graduate from the University of San Diego School of Law. Her other firsts include: the first African American Deputy County Counsel for San Diego County and the first African American Deputy Schools Attorney for the San Diego Unified School District. Judge Littlejohn became an Administrative Law Judge for the California Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board in

1982, retiring in 2004.

The numerous awards she has received include: The Salvation Army Woman of Distinction Award, the Women Inc Award, Mother of the Year Award and the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association Distinguished Service Award.



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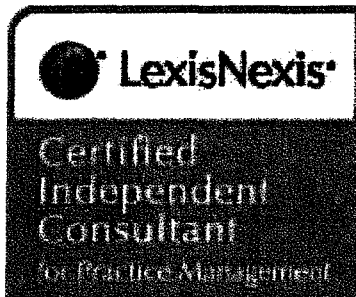
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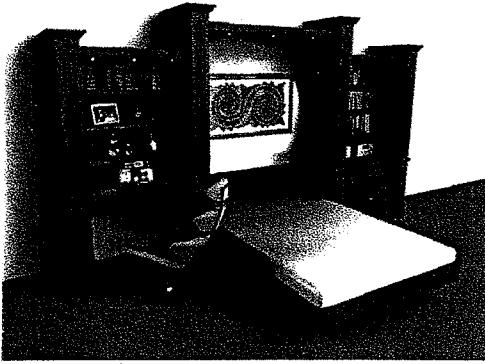
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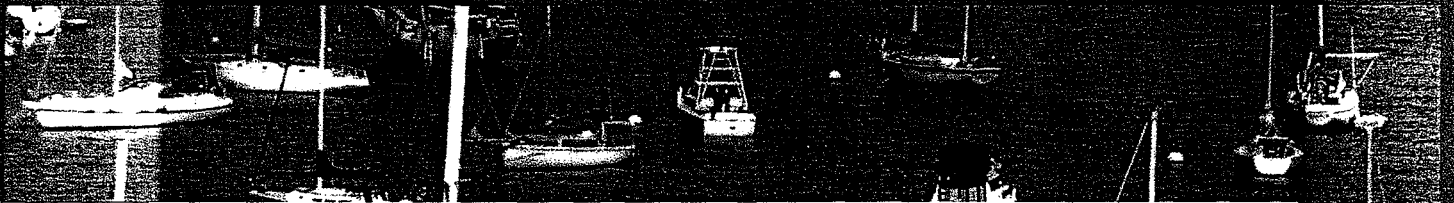
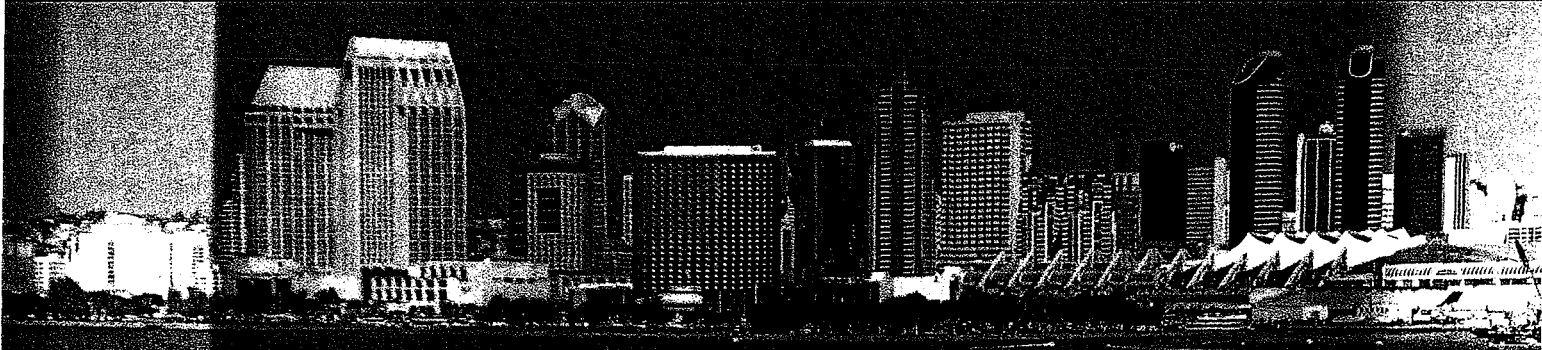
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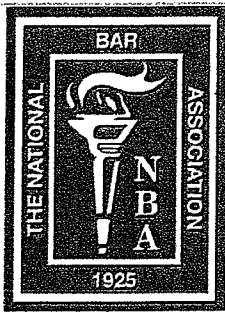
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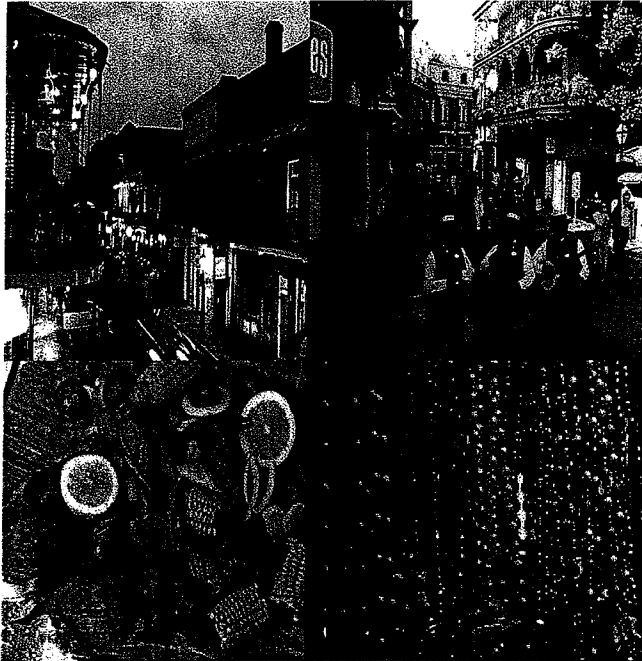


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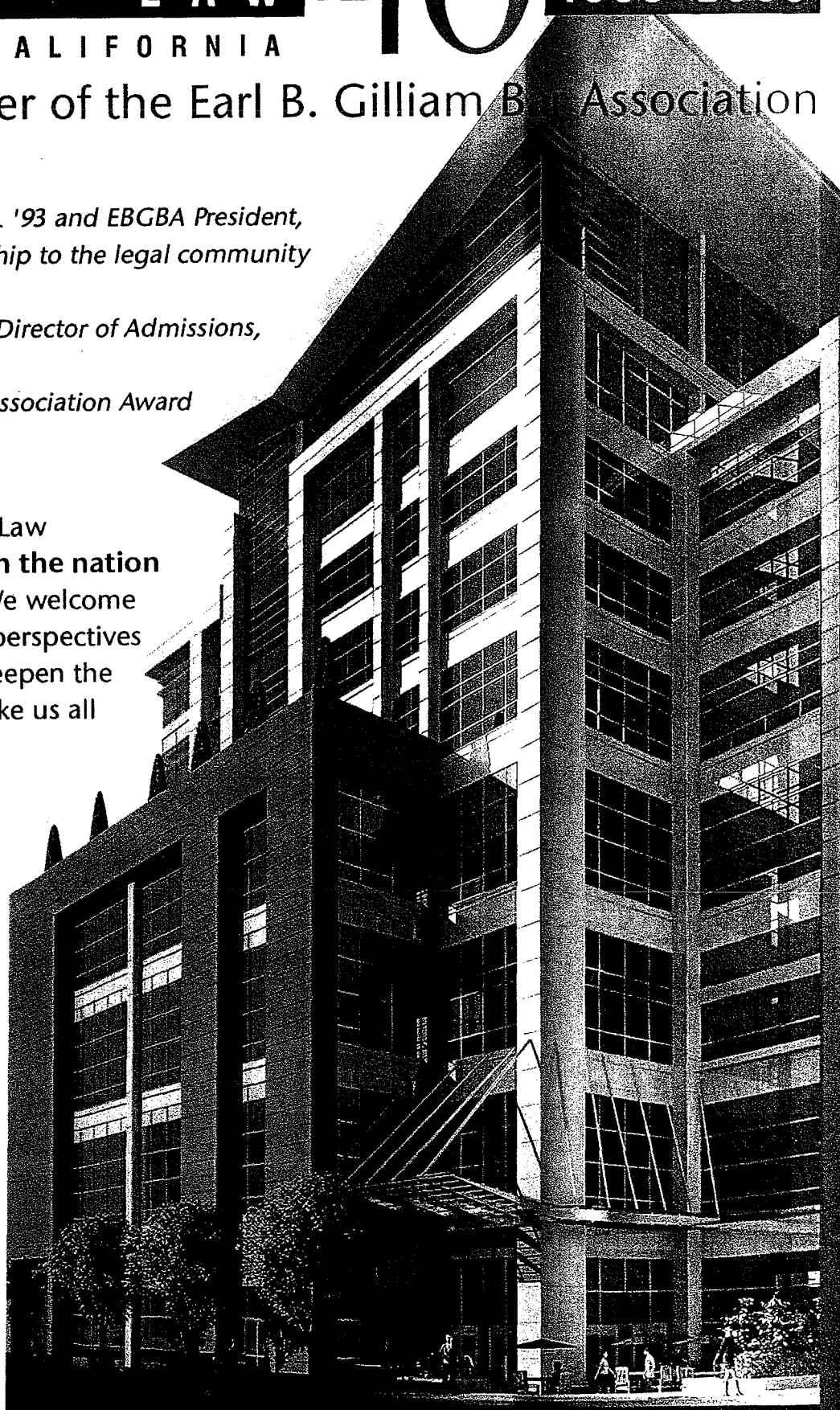
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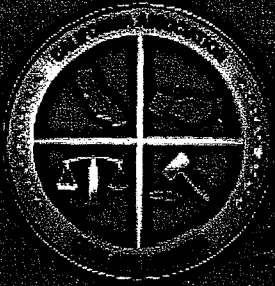
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