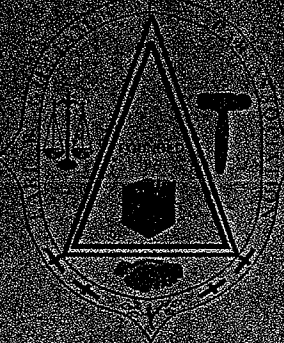




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**34<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards & Scholarship Dinner**  
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# *Black National Anthem*

*James Weldon Johnson*

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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.

# *Master of Ceremonies*

*Regina Valaine Evans-Jarrett, Esq*



**R**egina V. Evans-Jarrett, Chief of Staff to the Honorable Jerome E. Horton who serves as the Vice Chairperson of the California State Board of Equalization, representing the greater Los Angeles area, is no stranger to the San Diego community.

Mrs. Evans-Jarrett, a visionary and respected leader, has an extensive professional background in political, government, and non-profit leadership.

Prior to joining Mr. Horton's team, Mrs. Evans-Jarrett served as Deputy Cabinet Secretary for Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger

where she was responsible for three of California's most powerful and significant State Agencies, the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency, the State and Consumer Services Agency, and the Chief Information Office. As a member of the Governor's Cabinet team, Mrs. Evans-Jarrett developed a reputation for being pro-business while simultaneously being a strong advocate for workers rights, a voice for small and emerging businesses, and a "friend" to the greater San Diego community.

From 1998-2006, Mrs. Evans-Jarrett was a member of the Neighborhood House Association's (NHA) executive leadership team. During her successful tenure at NHA, Mrs. Evans-Jarrett served as Vice President of Planning, Chief Operating Officer, and Interim President and Chief Executive Officer. She was recognized for bringing solid business principles and compassionate leadership to NHA.

From 1993-1998, Mrs. Evans-Jarrett served as a Principal Policy Consultant for various policy committees in the California Legislature.

Mrs. Evans-Jarrett has received numerous local, state, and national awards for her leadership abilities and many contributions to the community. She has served on national, state, and local boards of directors and community advisory boards.

Mrs. Evans-Jarrett, a native of Brawley, California, is a graduate of the University of California San Diego, San Diego State University and University of California Hastings College of the Law.

She is married to Reese A. Jarrett and is the proud parent of their teenage daughter, Drew.

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# *André Birotte Jr.*

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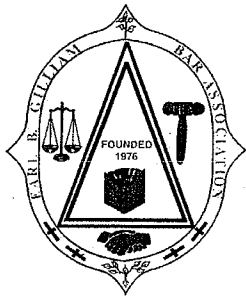
**M**r. Birotte holds an undergraduate degree from Tufts University and a J.D. from Pepperdine University School of Law. Following law school, Mr. Birotte worked for three years as a deputy public defender in Los Angeles representing indigent clients charged with felony and misdemeanor offenses. In 1995, he joined the United States Attorney's Office in Los Angeles, where he investigated and prosecuted numerous violent crime, fraud, and narcotics trafficking cases. In 1999, Mr. Birotte joined the Quinn Emanuel law firm, where he represented clients in white-collar crime and commercial litigation matters.

Mr. Birotte joined the Los Angeles Police Department's ("LAPD") Office of the Inspector General in 2001 as an Assistant Inspector General. In May 2003, after an extensive nationwide search, the Los Angeles Police Commission unanimously selected Mr. Birotte to serve as the LAPD's Inspector General. In that capacity, Mr. Birotte led a staff of employees, including lawyers, professional auditors, and former law enforcement executives, who were responsible for conducting and overseeing LAPD internal investigations and audits to ensure compliance with both LAPD policies and mandates imposed by a Federal Consent Decree.

In December 2009, President Barack Obama nominated Mr. Birotte to serve as United States Attorney for the Central District of California. Mr. Birotte was unanimously confirmed by the United States Senate and was sworn in on March 4, 2010.

# *Antoinette Middleton, Esq*

## President's Message



**T**hank you for coming to our 34th Annual Scholarship and Awards Dinner. We are especially appreciative that you are joining us this evening and thank you for your monetary aid and in-kind contributions. We deeply touched by your decision to support Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association.

This event would not be possible without your generous support!

After thanking God for calling me to serve, I would like to thank our Board of Directors, committee members and members for helping EBGBA accomplish many of the goals outlined at our 2010 board retreat.

Each year the in-coming president selects a theme and works with the board to set goals and objectives consistent with his or her theme. The theme for 2010 is "Collaborating and Climbing towards Excellence." I selected this theme because I wanted to lead the organization to a higher level of relevancy and greatness, and I wanted to do this through collaborations with some of the most highly regarded organizations, firms and corporations such as Legal Aid Society of San Diego, Luce Forward, Sony, QUALCOMM and Mintz Levin, DLA Piper, to name some of our partners.

Hopefully the cohesiveness of these collaborations will hold for years to come as we continue to work on common issues such as diversity, youth and young attorney mentorship, community education, and access to employment opportunities. Equally important, as the collaborations with the above organizations and firms, are the many months of individual service provided to our organization by some of our most prominent members of the San Diego Bench and bar. As the famous author John Allan May once said 'Progress consists largely of learning to apply laws and truths that have always existed'.

Although my tenure started out on a sad note, with the passing of one of our founding members, the Honorable Napoleon L. Jones, it has been an exciting year for our organization. Several of our EBGBA members have made major contributions to the organization and to the San Diego community, and we have been recognized for outstanding service awards twice in 2010. The fact that many seasoned members continue to contribute their time and a talent, given these difficult times, is truly awesome and inspiring to the next group of attorneys and association leaders.

**Listed below are a few of our major accomplishments, accolades and activities for 2010:**

- December 2009 - EBGBA goes Green by replacing traditional paper correspondence with electronic mail.
- January - We hosted a welcome back potluck for our local black law students which was well attended by EBGBA attorneys and judges.
- February - A taskforce was formed to increase the enrollment of African American Students at the University of San Diego School of Law. Partners with active members of this task force including representatives from both Sony and DLA PIPER.
- February - A community forum co-sponsored on Domestic Violence titled 'What's Love Got to with It'
- March - 'UCSD On My Mind', a co-sponsored event with over 1000 in attendance, helped to ease racially motivated tensions affecting the spirit and efforts of minority students at UCSD
- April - The Hon. Napoleon Jones received the Outstanding Juris award (posthumously) and Lei-Chala Wilson received the Outstanding Public Attorney Award given by the San Diego County Bar Association.
- May - Over 60 students and 13 attorneys participated in an eight week long our Neighborhood Law Program, underwritten partly by Legal Aid.
- An Excellence in Service Award was presented to EBGBA from the prestigious BayView Baptist Church, and also recognition was received from Legal Aid Society of San Diego for our Outstanding Pro Bono Service to the community.
- June - The first Annual Juneteenth 'Unity in the Community Celebration' at Admiral Bakers Park was co-sponsored by the EBGBE and the following prominent community groups such as the NAACP's San Diego branch, Blacks in Government, The National Naval Officers Association, The Black American Political Association of California, The San Diego Black Police Officers Association, The National Council Of Negro Women Inc. in San Diego, The Martin Luther Jr. Democratic Club, and The San Diego Black Fighters.
- July - EBGBA Collaborated with Luce Forward to provide legal consultation and services to the Dream Team, a non-profit organization adopted by EBGBA, whose mission is to help build self esteem in middle school girls in Spring Valley.
- August - EBGBA accepted an invitation by the San Diego Regional Airport Authority for a private tour titled 'The Green Build Concession Tour.' And the 'Everybody Recommitted to Academic Achievement Conference' was held at Lincoln High School where EBGBA members gave a seminar to middle school children titled 'So You Want To Be A Lawyer'. President Middleton attended the National Bar Association in New Orleans and was nominated and elected to serve one of seven Affiliate Chapter Presidents.
- September - The new EBGBA website was unveiled and received great reviews. A 2nd Annual Diversity Potluck with partner Mintz Levin and other minority bar associations.
- October - Membership Appreciation Mixer and Mentor/Mentee Mixer were held and a wonderful time was had by our local law student and EBGBA Members.
- November - The new board members were elected and will be sworn in later this evening. The membership and the current board wished them well.

During my tenure as President, I have consulted with several past Presidents not because I didn't know how to lead, but because EBGBA is a family with traditions, customs and practices many of which must be preserved. Also continuity is crucial; a president cannot simply erase or ignore history each year and start anew. Organizations must evoke into greatness, and it does not happen overnight because of one person or during one term.

Team work and collaborations with third parties are the hallmarks of greatness and. I'd like to think that I helped EBGBA move closer toward excellence through collaborations with others.

It has been a great honor and my privileged to have served as the President of the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association for 2010. In closing I thank God for giving me the strength to provide leadership. Also I thank my family and clients for their patience. I'm blessed to have great clients and family who know that there will be some sacrifices in voluntary service to an association such as EBGBA.

*God Bless,*

*Antoinette Middleton, Esq.*

*Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association*

# Greetings



GOVERNOR ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

November 6, 2010

## *Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association*

It is my pleasure to welcome everyone attending your thirty-fourth annual Awards and Scholarship Dinner.

The legal community is a strong asset to California's work force and law enforcement. Thank you for recognizing the strength and professionalism amongst African-American lawyers—you continue to uphold a high standard for your peers. Through mentorship programs and increasing communication between professionals, your organization celebrates the fantastic achievements of your members and your community.

I commend your tireless efforts and dedication to promoting justice and equality. Your honorees deserve a big hand for working so hard to make San Diego such a great place to live.

Please accept my wishes for a joyous celebration and every continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Arnold Schwarzenegger".

Arnold Schwarzenegger

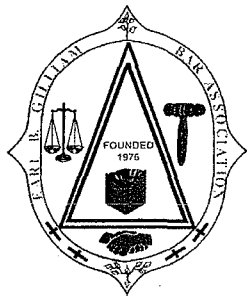
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# Valoree Wortham

## President-Elect's Bio & Message



Valoree Wortham is In-House Counsel for the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (“ABC”) where she has served as a Prosecutor and Adviser since 2006.

She previously worked as a San Diego County Deputy Alternate Public Defender, practicing in the area of juvenile dependency law. Prior to that time, she owned and managed a law practice with a focus on civil litigation, and served as a Panel Attorney for Appellate Defenders Inc., handling numerous criminal and juvenile dependency appeals.

She was born and raised in Jackson, Mississippi, where she attended Tougaloo College. She obtained her Juris Doctor degree from Thomas Jefferson School of Law in 1993, where she was Managing Editor of the Law Review, Criminal Justice Journal. Throughout her career, she has been involved in various professional organizations including the San Diego County Bar Association, Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association, California Appellate Defense Counsel, and Lawyers Club of San Diego. She was also a Panel Attorney for the San Diego Volunteer Lawyers Program.

Ms. Wortham has a passion for serving others. She is President and Chair of Teens Connected, a church and community based mentoring program which she established in 2009 for young ladies between 13 and 18 years old. The program focuses on character development, personal/social development, and provides cultural enrichment opportunities. Ms. Wortham also devotes her time to serving the San Diego homeless community. On weekends, she enjoys working with women at the San Diego Rescue Mission -Women and Children’s Center. She and her husband, David, have three children: Remelus (wife Tamara), Nia, and Ivory.

# *Congratulations*

to the incoming 2011 Officers and Directors

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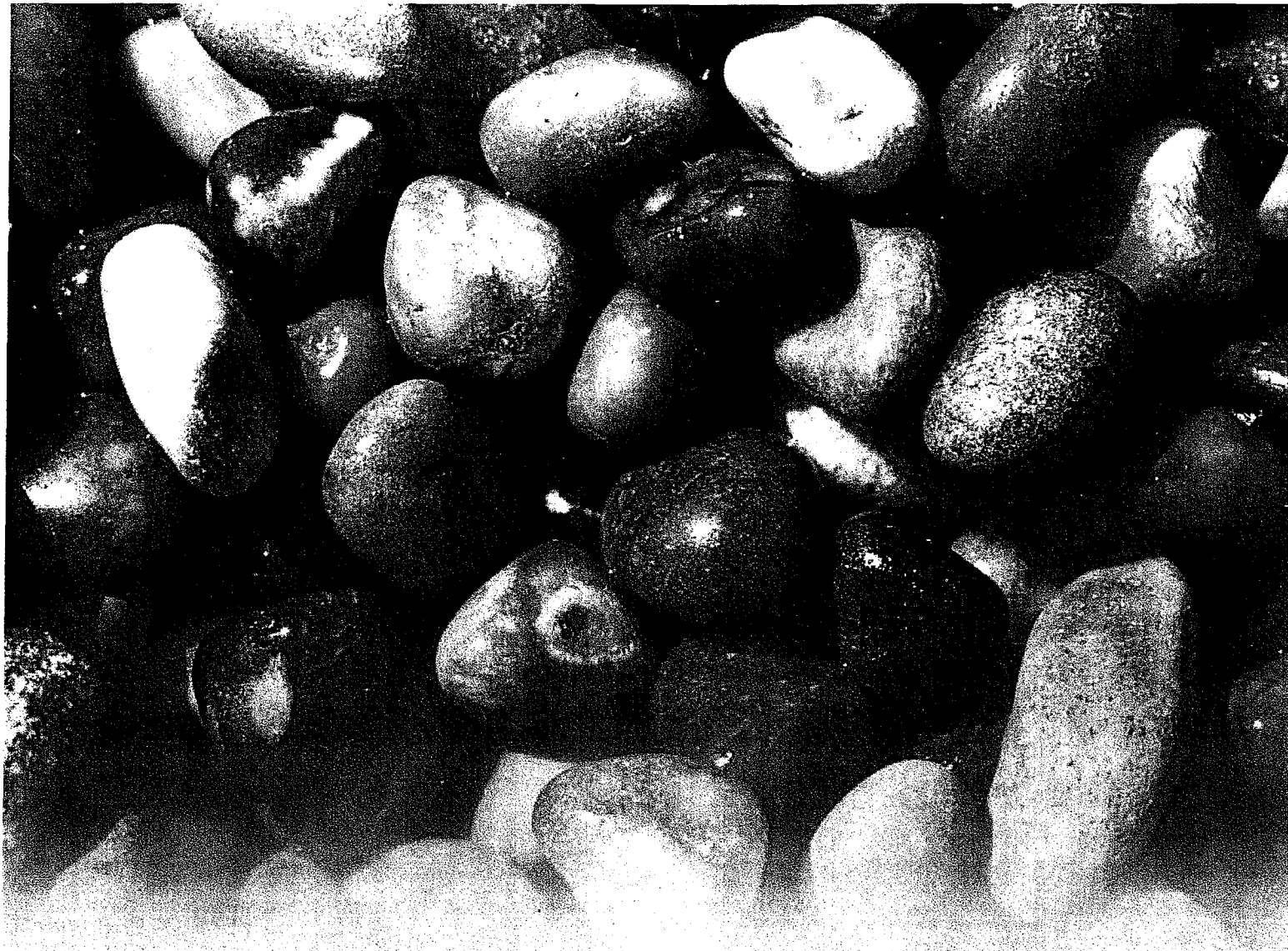
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**Fish proudly supports the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association in its commitment to represent the interests of African American lawyers, judges, and law students throughout Southern California.**

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Timothy Spearman  
EBGBA Dinner Committee  
Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association  
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Dear Timothy:

I want to join the entire San Diego community in wishing the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association (EBGBA) congratulations on your 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards and Scholarship Dinner Gala event!

The community highly appreciates this annual recognition program that serves as an opportunity to celebrate and recognize exceptional achievements by honoring law students, attorneys, judges, community leaders, businesses, and organizations that have enhanced the quality of life in the greater San Diego community.

In 2004, I was happy to sponsor a bill that was signed into law that designated a San Diego facility of the United Postal Service as the Earl B. Gilliam/Imperial Avenue Post Office.

Let it be known that even though the namesake of the EBGBA, Judge Earl B. Gilliam, who passed away on January 28, 2001, his legacy as a role model, pathfinder and trailblazer lives through many of you assembled here tonight in this room!

Enjoy your evening!

Sincerely,  
*Bob Filner*  
**BOB FILNER**  
Member of Congress

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## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on November 6, 2010, the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association will be hosting its 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards and Scholarship Dinner; and

WHEREAS, the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association (EBGBA) was formed in 1976 and was then known as the Association of Black Attorneys of San Diego County (ABASDC) and in 1982 the name was formally changed in honor of Judge Earl B. Gilliam, who was the first African American judge appointed to the Superior Court, and was also the first African American judge appointed to the United States District Court for the Southern District of California; and

WHEREAS, as the EBGBA represents the interests of African American attorneys, judges, law professors, and students in San Diego County, and the organization's mission statement articulates its commitment to defending the legal and human rights of African Americans whereby eliminating the root causes of poverty, powerlessness and racism, and preserving the high standards of integrity, honor and courtesy in the legal profession; and

WHEREAS, the EBGBA through its members, makes positive contributions to the community of San Diego by 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; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, Congressman Bob Filner sponsored a bill that was signed into law that designated a San Diego facility of the United States Postal Service as the Earl B. Gilliam/Imperial Avenue Post Office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Bob Filner, Congressman for California's 51<sup>st</sup> Congressional District, do hereby proclaim November 6, 2010, as the "Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association Day" in the 51<sup>st</sup> Congressional District, and encourages all citizens therein to recognize and celebrate this organization's numerous contributions to our city!

Dated this 6th Day of November, 2010

*Bob Filner*  
**BOB FILNER**  
Member of Congress



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November 6, 2010

Mr. Timothy Spearman, Esquire  
Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association  
Post Office Box 124655  
San Diego, California 92112

Dear Friends:

It gives me great pleasure to welcome all who have gathered to celebrate the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association's 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards and Scholarship Dinner.

Since 1976, the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association has successfully worked to promote equality and justice for the African-American community and preserve the integrity of the legal field in San Diego. I would like to congratulate tonight's honorees who have contributed to this mission by giving their time and talents to countless organizations throughout the community and serving as mentors to young legal professionals. I commend the dedicated members for the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association, your tireless efforts will continue to benefit the community for many years to come.

As a United States Senator from the State of California, please accept my best wishes for a memorable and enjoyable evening.

Sincerely,

*Dianne Feinstein*

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Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association  
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Dear Friends:

I am honored to have this opportunity to greet you as the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association (EBGBA) comes together for its 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards and Scholarship Dinner. I regret that I will not be able to attend this very special event honoring the dedication and hard work of law students, attorneys, judges, and community leaders from the San Diego region.

I commend the EBGBA for its commitment to enhancing the quality of life in the greater San Diego community. Please know that your efforts are making a difference and are appreciated by the community.

I extend my best wishes to you. I hope you have an enjoyable awards ceremony and many continued successes in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

*Susan A. Davis*  
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November 6, 2010


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 (EBGGA) 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards and Scholarship Dinner.

The Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association was named after the first African-American to serve as San Diego County Superior Court Judge and, along with the name, EBGGA has also carried Gilliam's mission in law. EBGGA preserves the highest standards of integrity, honor and courtesy in the legal profession. EBGGA has worked to represent the interests of African-American attorneys, judges, law professors and students in the county of San Diego. The association has provided outstanding service to the community and its commitment to defending the legal and human rights of African-Americans is to be commended.

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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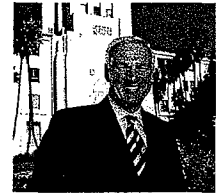


RON ROBERTS  
SUPERVISOR, FOURTH DISTRICT  
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November 6, 2010

Dear Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association:

As a member of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, please accept my congratulations on the occasion of your 34th Annual Awards and Scholarship Dinner. Your keynote speaker, Andre Birotte, Jr., the U.S. Attorney for the Central District of California, will nicely complement your informative and inspirational event.

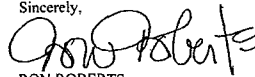


Since it was founded in 1976 as the San Diego County Black Lawyers Association, your organization's contributions to the community have been numerous. We all benefit from the legacy created by your scholarships to outstanding law students.

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.

On behalf of the nearly 640,000 residents of the Fourth Supervisorial District, I wish you great success in your continued endeavors and with tonight's event.

Sincerely,



RON ROBERTS  
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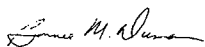
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Dear Earl B. Gilliam Bar Members,

Congratulations on your association's 34 years of outstanding service to San Diego County! The legal profession and the community are better because of your dedication to representing the interests of African-American lawyers, judges and law students throughout southern California.

On behalf of the nearly 1,000 employees at the San Diego District Attorney's Office, thank you for all the important work you do and best wishes for a successful Awards and Scholarship Dinner.

Best Wishes,



Bonnie M. Dumanis  
San Diego County District Attorney

## Thurgood Marshall Legal Professional of the Year Award

### *Sharon B. Majors-Lewis*



**S**haron B. Majors-Lewis graduated Magna Cum Laude from National University with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in 1980. She obtained her JD degree in 1985 from the National University School of Law, where she was a member of the Student Honors Advisory Program, and received American Jurisprudence Awards in Torts, Wills and Trusts, Domestic Relations and Administrative Law, and a Corpus Juris Secundum Award in labor relations. She was also an F. Lee Baily Moot Court Finalist.

She was admitted to practice in California on December 13, 1985, and before the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California on December 29, 1987. In her sole practice she handled family law and law and motion matters, provided pro bono services through the San Diego Volunteer Lawyer's program and represented indigent criminal defendants by appointment of the Court of Appeals under the Appellate Defenders assisted case system.

She was sworn in as a San Diego County Deputy District Attorney in February 1987 where she became a trial attorney specializing in violent crimes including abusive head trauma child homicides. She was promoted to Assistant Chief of the Family Protection Division, a division that handled child abuse, domestic violence, elder abuse, statutory rape, and child abduction cases. She was cross designated as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney, for the Southern District of California in the Violent Crimes Division. Secretary Majors-Lewis completed over 90 jury trials during her career as a Deputy District Attorney.

Secretary Majors-Lewis was promoted to Division Chief of the Central Pretrial Division, making her the first African American female Division Chief in the San Diego District Attorney's Office. She later became the first African American female to become a Chief Deputy District Attorney in the office. In addition to managing several divisions, she also handled sensitive special projects for the District Attorney and completed other complex matters, including reviewing homicide cases that were the subject of habeas petitions. Secretary Majors-Lewis served on the Capital Case Review Board, the attorney selection committee, was in charge of the Certified Legal Intern and Graduate Law Clerk programs and handled the office's travel and training budget.

In February 2007, Secretary Majors-Lewis was appointed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to be his Judicial Appointments Secretary. She is the first woman and first person of color to ever hold the position in California.

In 2007, 2008, and 2009, she was selected by the Los Angeles Daily Journal as one of the Top 100 Leading Lawyers in California. In January 2008, San Diego Magazine named her one of the top 50 People to Watch.

She is a member or past member of the Lawyers Club of San Diego, San Diego County Bar Association, American Bar Association, Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association National College of Prosecutors, and serves on the Board of Directors for the Young Women's Christian Association in San Diego.

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Thurgood Marshall (July 2, 1908 – January 24, 1993) was an American jurist and the first African American to serve on the Supreme Court of the United States. Before becoming a judge, he was a lawyer who was best remembered for his high success rate in arguing before the Supreme Court and for the victory in *Brown vs. the Board of Education*. On June 13, 1967, President Johnson appointed Marshall to the Supreme Court following the retirement of Justice Tom C. Clark, saying that this was "the right thing to do, the right time to do it, the right man and the right place." Marshall was confirmed as an Associate Justice by a Senate vote of 69 to 11 on August 30, 1967. He was the 96th person to hold the position, and the first African-American. Marshall retired in 1991 after serving on the court for twenty-four years.

On November 30, 1993, Justice Marshall was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Bill Clinton.

## Frederick Douglass Community Service Awards

### *Gordon Brown Sr.* Founder of San Diego Inner City Youth Golf



**G**ordon Brown Sr. graduated from Burke Industrial High School in Charleston South Carolina in 1955. Prior to graduation, Gordon learned how to play golf on a six hole golf course, a mile away from his home. He held various jobs from cutting hair, laying bricks to driving the local school bus in order to play golf. Upon turning 21, Gordon was drafted into the United States Army. This is where he made the golf team which allowed him to gain further exposure to the game.

Gordon became very successful on the Army's golf team and won many military events across the United States. He also played professional golf on the all black National Golf Association Tour. After serving his country he returned home to his beautiful wife Harriet and had five children, Gordon Jr., Rosetta, Horace, Avis and Oran. Gordon relocated his family to San Diego, worked for Solar Turbines as a maintenance foreman, and after 30 years, retired from his position. All of the Brown children become very skilled golf professionals, having won numerous Junior Golf, World and College titles.

Always giving back, Gordon started the San Diego Inner City Youth Golf Club in 1972.

Gordon and his son Horace now operate the San Diego Inner City Junior Golf Foundation Incorporated, a non profit organization. Mr. Brown also teaches golf at 10 elementary schools with over 500 students, and provides free golf clinics for kids at Bonita Golf course on the weekends. He has supported the foundation out of his own pocket when no other funding was available. With help from his daughter Avis, Gordon restarted the golf team at Lincoln High School in San Diego, after it was eliminated 52 years ago. Gordon and his foundation support the school by giving them free golf lessons, golf clubs and sometimes transportation.

In 40 years of community service, Gordon has taught over 1500 children the game of golf, including self discipline and golf etiquette free of charge. Along with his foundation, and donations from past golf students, Gordon has sent several students to college, and some with full golf scholarships.

Union-Tribune Staff Writer Todd Leonard wrote on December 3, 2003 that "There was a time 30 years ago when Earl Woods (Tiger Woods' dad) felt compelled to call Gordon Brown every so often to see how his kids were doing in the San Diego County Junior Golf Association . . . Earl Woods was understandably inspired."

In 2005, Gordon Brown Sr. was inducted into the African American Golfers' Hall of Fame. In 2007, the San Diego City Council whereas declared October 30, 2007 Gordon Brown Day. See [www.sandiegouniorgolf.com](http://www.sandiegouniorgolf.com) for information on the 2nd Annual USS Midway/Admiral Chambers/Inner City Golf Charity Tournament, in spring 2011.

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<b><i>Invocation</i></b>	Pastor Jay Winston 31 <sup>st</sup> Street SDA Church
<b><i>Announcements (Silent Auction, Photos, Art)</i></b>	Regina V. Evans-Jarrett Mistress of Ceremony
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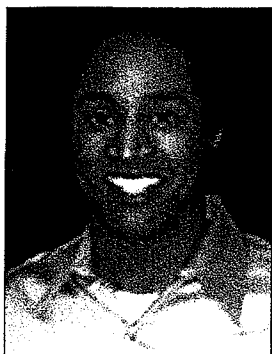
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### *Teresa Watts*

**A**s a law student, I understand that everyone does not have the same opportunities and because of this, I believe it is my duty to give back. My most rewarding experiences include mentoring students from Lincoln and Crawford High Schools, participating in the conflict resolution program at Porter Elementary North, volunteering at the Jackie Robinson Family YMCA, assisting in the Haiti relief efforts and advocating for the African American students at UCSD who were being racially discriminated against, harassed and threatened. My passion is for the community and I am grateful to give of my time and talents..



## Twyman Scholarship

### *Zelalem Bogale*

**Z**elalem T. Bogale is a third-year student at California Western School of Law. Zelalem was born in Reno, Nevada, and attended the University of Nevada, Reno where he received a Bachelor of Liberal Arts in Philosophy and founded the Young Democrats of Nevada chapter on campus. Before entering law school, Zelalem was a high school educator and a campaign official for various political campaigns, including Obama for America. Currently, Zelalem is a judicial extern to U.S. Magistrate Judge William McCurine, Jr. Upon graduation Zelalem is interested in practicing environmental law.

# Scholarship Recipients



## Earl B. Gilliam Memorial Scholarship

### *Nicole Lewis*

**N**icole Lewis is from Jennings, Louisiana. In 2001, she graduated from Middle Tennessee State University, where she majored in Music Business and had minors in Business Administration and Mass Communications. Nicole is currently in her 2nd year at the University of San Diego School of Law where she serves as the President of the Black Law Students Association and Vice President of Entertainment for the Sports and Entertainment Law Society. Nicole plans to practice as an International Entertainment and Sports attorney and advocate for fledgling artists and amateur athletes. In her spare time, she enjoys writing music and playing sports.



## Katherine Payne Scholarship

### *Jacob Ogboro*

**A**s an undergraduate Jacob attended the University of Minnesota, Duluth where he majored in Political Science, International Studies, and Spanish Language. After college Jacob moved to San Diego to attend the University of San Diego School of Law. Jacob has worked as a judicial intern for the Honorable Judge Paul A. Magnuson for the District of Minnesota. He is currently interning for the San Diego Development Services Department and working part time as a law clerk for the Law Offices of Ronald Marron. His areas of interest include: land-use and development, real estate, tax, consumer class action, and government relations.

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### *Grace Ajunwa Usiyan*



**M**rs. Grace Usiyan has been practicing law in San Diego for almost 19 years. She is a graduate of Thomas Jefferson School of Law, San Diego, California. She is currently in private practice litigating cases involving workers compensation, employment/labor law, personal injuries, medical malpractice and immigration.

She provides legal advice and counsel on transactional law matters.

Grace worked for Civic Law Center, a midsize plaintiff/applicant law firm and also for Nayfack and Mueller, an insurance defense law firm, before embarking in her own practice in 1996.

In the summer of 1998, Grace taught workers compensation as an Adjunct Professor of Law at Thomas Jefferson School of Law, San Diego California.

She has extensive litigation experience before the Workers Compensation Appeals Board where she assists clients in ensuring proper benefits are received. She litigates employment discrimination cases before the San Diego Superior Court.

Notable among the cases she tried and won is one concerning a black employee/machinist who was discriminated against by his supervisor and coworkers because of his race. After a four weeks bench trial, the Judge awarded general damages as well as punitive damages against the employer for intentional racial discrimination. She has actively participated in the trial and jury selection of medical malpractice cases of other solo practitioners.

Grace appears before the Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commissions (EEOC) mediation panel representing clients on various matters ranging from race, age and gender based employment discrimination to sexual harassment.

She has worked with many immigrants especially those from Africa on various immigration matters, such as family based petitions for immigrant visas and political asylum cases. She vigorously litigated a removal matter.

Most recently she served as a Chair/Coordinator for the Neighborhood Law School, an outreach program of the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association geared towards providing general legal education and information to the public.

She volunteers time to assist those who cannot afford legal services on various legal matters by providing free legal advice and counsel. She had provided employment training to people with disability to work in her office.

Grace is married to Thompson Onoramie Usiyan. They reside in Lemon Grove, San Diego County, where they are raising their two children. – Trial Lawyer of the Year, 1987; California Association of Black Lawyers – Lawyer of the Year, 1995; and Southern California 'Super Lawyer' 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010.

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*Michelle A. Allison*

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**M**ichelle is currently the Associate Director of Admissions at Thomas Jefferson School of Law in San Diego, CA. She is a graduate of Northeastern University School of Law ("NUSL") in Boston, Massachusetts and Howard University in Washington, D.C.. Prior to joining the staff at Thomas Jefferson, Michelle worked and clerked in legal aid assisting victims of domestic violence, at the Massachusetts Superior Court, and at Boston law firms Donovan Hatem, LLP, and Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky & Popeo, P.C.. She serves on the Board of Directors for the Alumni/ae Association at NUSL. She is a member of the National Bar Association, the Massachusetts Bar Association and the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association of San Diego and serves on various boards and committees around the community in legal education administration. Most recently, Michelle served as the Assistant Director of Admissions at NUSL and as an adjunct faculty at Gorgon College in Massachusetts.



*Zara Lawson*



**Z**ara Lawson was born in Denver, Colorado. She attended Pomona College, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Politics/Public Policy. Ms. Lawson attended the University of California, Hastings College of the Law. While in law school, she clerked for the Alameda County Superior Court in Oakland, California. After graduation, Ms. Lawson and her husband moved to San Diego where she was a law clerk with the Family Justice Center. She is currently employed by the San Diego District Attorney's Office in the Economic Crimes Division.

Zara Lawson is the incoming Secretary of the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association. She also serves as a member of the Neighborhood Law School Committee and the Dinner Committee. She is a member of the Lawyers Club. Ms. Lawson was awarded the Wiley W. Manual Award for Pro Bono Legal Services and the Restitution Enforcement and Victim Services Division award for outstanding dedication and service.

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### *Janice P. Brown*



**J**anice P. Brown is the owner and founder of Brown Law Group, a leading Southern California litigation law firm specializing in all aspects of business litigation, including intellectual property, fraud, contract, employment and class action litigation. Ms. Brown is known for her professional distinctions as well as her commitment to the legal community with over 25 years as a trial lawyer with significant trial, arbitration, and appellate experience.

Ms. Brown received her undergraduate degree in Journalism and graduated with honors from the University of Montana in 1981. She graduated from Gonzaga Law School in two years, and joined the Justice Department's Honors Program in 1984. At the Department of Justice, Ms. Brown tried lawsuits on behalf of the United States in venues throughout the western United States, including Iowa, Colorado, Nebraska, California and Texas. Her distinguished career includes receiving the Department of Justice "Outstanding Trial Attorney" Award in 1987. Most recently, Ms. Brown was honored by the Gonzaga University Alumni Association with its highest honor - the Distinguished Alumni Merit Award.

Ms. Brown's commitment to excellence has earned her numerous accolades and awards throughout her career, including the following significant awards: Department of Justice – Trial Lawyer of the Year, 1987; California Association of Black Lawyers – Lawyer of the Year, 1995; and Southern California 'Super Lawyer' 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010.



### *Desa L. Burton*



**D**esa Burton is an Associate in Fish & Richardson P.C.'s Southern California office where her practice emphasizes intellectual property litigation and counseling including all types of complex business litigation related to patents, trademarks, and trade secrets. She has represented clients in litigation matters before state and federal courts, U.S. Immigration Court, the U.S. International Trade Commission, and the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board.

Desa's previous legal experience includes summer associate and legal services coordinator with Philadelphia Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts (2002) and student intern with the Philadelphia Law Department's Division of Health and Human Services (2002). Her other professional experience includes various worldwide assignments in the United States Navy and Naval Reserve from 1994 through 2003.

Desa is very active on civic and community boards including the City of San Diego's Managed Competition Independent Review Board, the Veterans Bar Association (San Diego Chapter), and, of course, the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association where she spearheads sponsorships and fundraising for the annual awards and scholarship dinner.

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*Vickie E. Turner*



**V**ickie E. Turner is a partner in the law firm of Wilson Turner Kosmo LLP, the largest female-owned law firm in San Diego. She is a trial attorney who has defended product liability cases for over 28 years. She is a 1982 graduate of the University of San Diego School of Law where she was a member of the Law Review and was also awarded the International Academy of Trial Lawyers Award for excellence in Trial Advocacy. She currently serves as a member of the USD School of Law Board of Visitors and was awarded the law school's highest honor, the 2009 Distinguished Alumni Award.

Her outstanding trial skills have earned her national recognition. She has successfully defended manufacturers, distributors and retailers in complex product liability claims throughout California, and in 12 other western states. She was defense counsel for Ford Motor Company in a product liability case that was named one of the Top 20 Defense Counsel Verdicts for 2003. She is the recipient of an Outstanding Trial Lawyer Award from the San Diego Trial Lawyers Association and in 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010, Ms. Turner was named one of San Diego's top product liability defense attorneys by *San Diego Super Lawyers*. In 2005, she was selected as one of the Top 75 Women Litigators in California by the *Los Angeles Daily Journal*. She was recently selected for inclusion in the 2010 and 2011 editions of *The Best Lawyers in America*® in the specialty of Product Liability Litigation.

Ms. Turner has held numerous positions of leadership including President of the San Diego Lawyers Club and President of the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association. Throughout her career, she has received numerous awards and honors, including Outstanding Service to the Legal Profession Award presented by the San Diego County Bar Association, Women Who Mean Business Award from the San Diego Business Journal, the Frederick Douglass Award by the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association, Women of Distinction Award from Women's Inc., Outstanding Service Award from the National Bar Association and Phenomenal Woman Award presented by the San Diego County Ethnic Minority Bar Associations.

She and her husband George are the proud parents of three sons. She has a passion for working with students and has devoted her time to working with the Links Achiever program for male high school students and Pathways2College for middle and high school students.

## President's Awards for Distinguished Service to EGBA

*Shaka H. Johnson*



**S**haka Johnson currently serves as Corporate Counsel at SANYO North America Corporation and has served in that capacity since February of 2009. At SANYO, Mr. Johnson is responsible for numerous corporate legal matters, including management of contracts, litigation, product development and marketing, employment, and other general corporate advising and compliance matters. Mr. Johnson's legal department is responsible for legal services to all 14 SANYO companies and divisions located in North America.

Immediately prior to his work at SANYO, Mr. Johnson served as Corporate Counsel at Gateway, Inc. (from 2006-2009), where the majority of his work was in litigation, including product liability litigation, business/commercial litigation, employment litigation, and intellectual property litigation. In addition to litigation matters, Mr. Johnson was also active in product compliance, contract review, and provided counsel to the company on numerous non-litigation matters.

Prior to Gateway, Mr. Johnson was a litigation attorney at Higgs, Fletcher & Mack LLP in San Diego. While at Higgs, his practice included Business Litigation, Employment Law and Litigation, Products Liability Defense, and Construction Law and Litigation.

Mr. Johnson was born and raised in San Diego, California. He attended Sonoma State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration, with a minor in Criminal Justice. While attending Sonoma State University, Mr. Johnson was a member of the Men's Basketball team, including three years as a captain.

Immediately following his time at Sonoma State, Mr. Johnson attended the University of San Diego School of Law, and graduated in the Spring of 2003. While at USD, he was an active member of the National Mock Trial team, and received membership to the Order of the Barristers for his outstanding trial advocacy on that team.

In addition to his professional career, Mr. Johnson is currently an active director within the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association, the SDCBA-ACC Diversity Fellowship Program, and a member of the Jackie Robinson YMCA Board of Managers. In the past he has mentored young children, participated in Junior Achievement, and was an active participant in the Volunteers in Parole program.

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# *The Honorable Earl B. Gilliam*

## *1931 - 2001*



**E**arl 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.

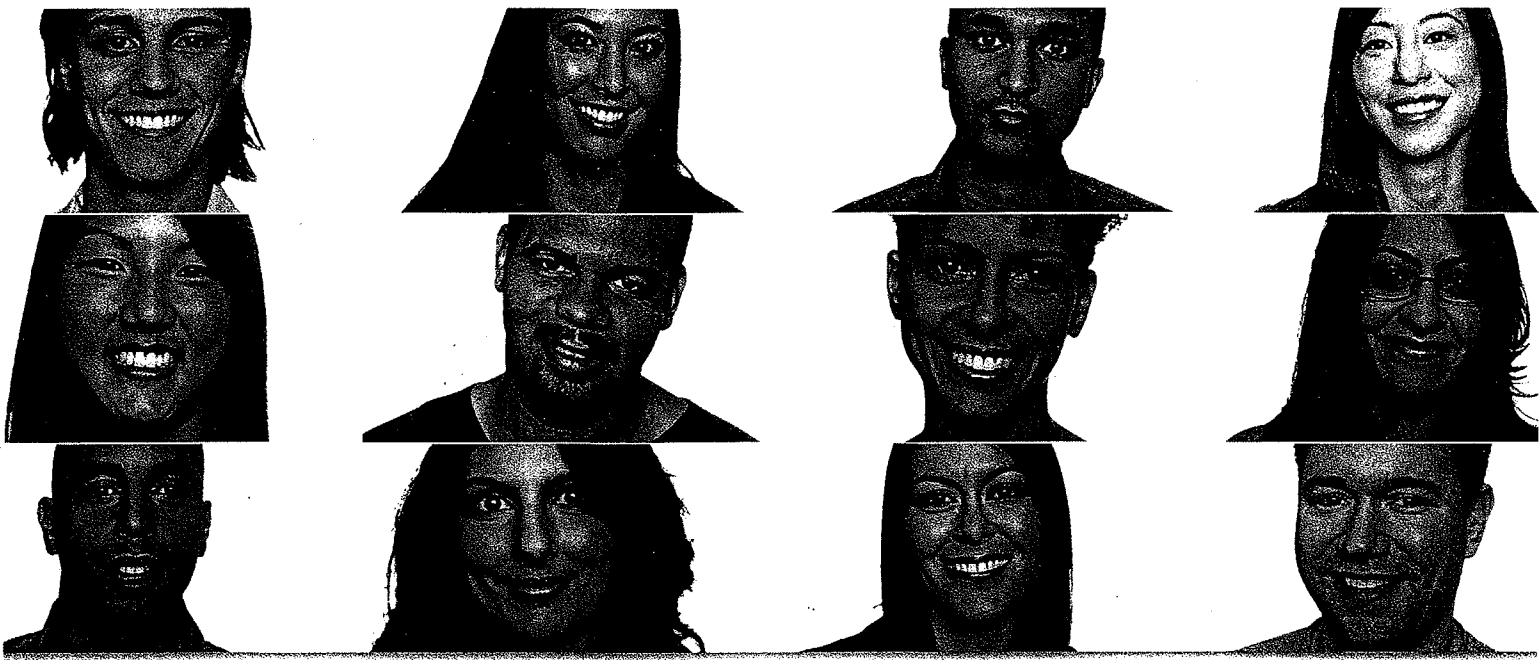
In 1961, he went into private practice and continued in that capacity for two years before becoming a San Diego Municipal Court judge in 1963. He subsequently became the first African American to serve as a San Diego County Superior Court judge in 1975. In 1980, President Jimmy Carter appointed him as 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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