

35th

Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association

Annual Awards

Scholarship Dinner

Creating Opportunities

November • 12 • 2011

Earl B. Gilliam



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

In addition to serving as a judicial officer, Judge Gilliam also worked as a law professor at Western State College of Law, an instructor in Urban and Rural Studies at the University of California at San Diego and as a guest lecturer at the United States International University.

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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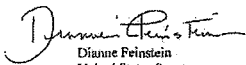
Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association
Post Office Box 124655
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Dear Friends:

It gives me great pleasure to extend warm greetings to all who have gathered for the 35th Annual Awards and Scholarship Dinner of the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association.

Since 1976, the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association has provided a network of support for legal professionals dedicated to advancing equality for the African-American community. Through mentorship, career development programs, and academic scholarships, you not only successfully promote the professional and personal interests of your members, but also make significant contributions to the legal community in San Diego. I am confident that through its many committed members and community supporters, the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association will continue to serve as an important voice for creating a more diverse and equal society.

As a United States Senator from the State of California, I thank you for your work and hope that you have an enjoyable evening.

Sincerely,

Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator

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JERRY SANDERS
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GREETINGS TO THE PARTICIPANTS AND GUESTS OF THE

EARL B. GILLIAM BAR ASSOCIATION

35TH ANNUAL AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIP DINNER


November 12, 2011

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) 35th 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, EBGBA has also carried Gilliam's mission in law. The EBGBA preserves the highest standards of integrity, honor and courtesy in the legal profession. The EBGBA has worked to represent the interests of African-American attorneys, judges, law professors and students in the county of San Diego. I commend the Association for providing outstanding service to the community, and your commitment to defending the legal and human rights of African-Americans.

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 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
Mayor

The City of San Diego

Proclamation

EARL B. GILLIAM BAR ASSOCIATION DAY

Presented by The Office of The Mayor

WHEREAS, the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association (EBGBA) was originally established in 1976 as the Association of Black Attorneys of San Diego County; and

WHEREAS, the association was renamed in 1982 in recognition of the Honorable Earl B. Gilliam, the first African American to be appointed to the San Diego Superior Court and then to the United States District Court, Southern District of California; and

WHEREAS, the EBGBA has made positive contributions to the community of San Diego by providing numerous hours of pro bono services to San Diego through a partnership with Legal Aid, hosting the National Bar Association's (NBA) 84th annual convention which was attended by approximately 2,000 legal professionals and co-sponsoring several neighborhood forums in conjunction with the NAACP, National Council of Negro Women, and other organizations on issues such as health care for women and domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, the EBGBA represents the interests of African-American attorneys, judges, law professors and students in the county of San Diego; and


WHEREAS, the EBGBA is committed to encouraging law student achievement by providing scholarships, mentor programs, and hosting annual law student mixers; and


WHEREAS, the EBGBA is dedicated to defending the legal and human rights of African-Americans; eliminating the root causes of poverty, powerlessness and racism; preserving the high standards of integrity, honor and courtesy in the legal profession; and promoting the professional and personal interests of individual members; and

WHEREAS, on November 12, 2011, the EBGBA is holding their 35th Annual Awards and Scholarship Dinner. NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, JERRY SANDERS, the 34th Mayor of the City of San Diego, do hereby proclaim November 12, 2011 to be "Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association Day" in the City of San Diego.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND THIS DAY, AND HAVE CAUSED THE SEAL TO BE AFFIXED HERETO:




JERRY SANDERS
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November 12, 2011
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October 20, 2011

Timothy Spearman
 EBGBA Director Committee
 Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association
 Post Office Box 124655
 San Diego, CA 92112

Dear Timothy,

I am honored to write this letter of congratulations to the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association as you celebrate your 35th Annual Awards and Scholarship Dinner!

I very fondly remember the late Judge Gilliam, who was the first African-American United States District Judge for the Southern District of California and the first African-American to serve as a San Diego County Superior Court Judge.

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

The annual celebration of your awards program serves as an opportunity to recognize exceptional achievements in the legal community by honoring law students, attorneys, judges, community leaders, and organizations that have enhanced the quality of life in the greater San Diego community.

However, above all, as we celebrate tonight's gala event, foremost in our minds should be the memory and wonderful legacy left to us by your organization's remarkable namesake, a true leader and trailblazer, the Honorable Judge Earl B. Gilliam!

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

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November 12, 2011

Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association
 P.O. Box 124655
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Dear Friends,

I am honored to have this opportunity to greet you as the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association comes together for its 35th annual awards and scholarship dinner. I regret that I cannot be in San Diego and will not be able to enjoy this very special event.

I commend the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association for its work advocating for the interests of African-American members of the San Diego legal community. By promoting the legal and human rights of African-Americans, and offering scholarships, mentorship, and professional advice to deserving students, lawyers and judges, your organization demonstrates its dedication to the legal profession in San Diego. 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 dinner and many continued successes in the year ahead.

Sincerely,

SUSAN A. DAVIS
 Member of Congress

RON ROBERTS
 VICE CHAIRMAN, FOURTH DISTRICT
 SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Dear Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association:

As Vice Chairman of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, please accept my heartfelt congratulations on the occasion of the 35th Annual Awards and Scholarship Dinner.

The Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association represents the interests of African-American attorneys, judges, law professors and students in the county of San Diego. The association has earned and established its reputation as an organization that is committed to ensuring equal opportunities in the legal profession and providing scholarships and education to those with aspirations in the field of law.



I especially want to congratulate the members of the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association on the night of this annual dinner. Over the years your collaborative efforts have had an influence that is felt each day throughout San Diego County.

On behalf of the residents of the Fourth Supervisorial District, I wish you great success with the 35th Annual Awards and Scholarship Dinner and with all of your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

RON ROBERTS
 Vice Chairman
 County of San Diego

The Black National Anthem **Lift Every Voice and Sing**

By 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 died?
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.

Randy K. Jones, Esquire

Master of Ceremonies

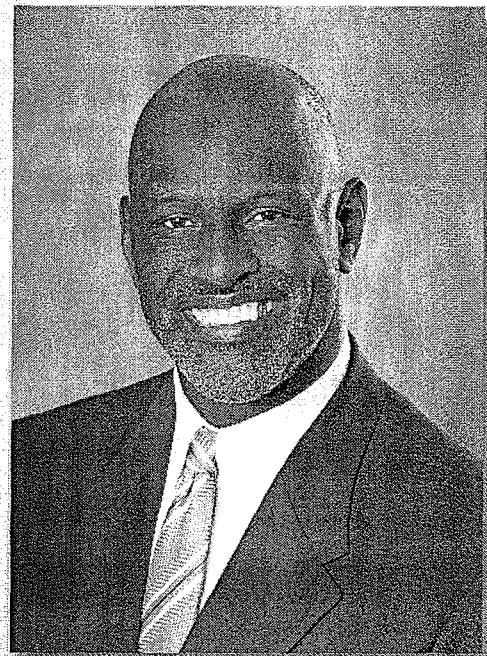
The youngest of ten children born to the late Julia Mae and Henry Jones in rural Richlands, North Carolina, Mr. Jones is a past president of the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association (1990-91) and the National Bar Association (1997-98). As NBA President, Mr. Jones successfully lobbied the White House and President Clinton to grant a pardon to one of the last surviving members of the "Port Chicago 50," World War II sailors wrongly jailed for mutiny and led the first-ever delegation of attorneys and judges to East Africa (Tanzania and Kenya) where they met at the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. As President of EGBA, he founded the Neighborhood Law School program, which is designed to provide people of modest financial means an opportunity to understand the law.

Mr. Jones is very active in the community. He has received numerous honors and awards, including being named one of the "100 Most Influential California Lawyers", "Top 20 California Lawyers of the Year," "Top 25 California Lawyers Under 40", Ebony Magazine's "100 Most Influential National Leaders", the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill General Alumni Association Outstanding Young Alumnus Award, and San Diego's KPBS 2010 Local Hero Award. Mr. Jones holds an honorary Doctor of Laws degree (LL.D.) from Claflin College (S.C.) and currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Thomas Jefferson School of Law in San Diego.

Mr. Jones is a member of the California and North Carolina State Bar. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and his law degree from the University of North Carolina School of Law.

Mr. Jones began his legal career as a member of the United States Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps, where he had a distinguished career. He served as the principal legal advisor and consultant to a floating naval command of 1300 members deployed to the Western Pacific. In that position, Mr. Jones represented the U.S. Navy in discussions with high-ranking government officials from the Republic of the Philippines, Hong Kong, Japan, and South Korea. Mr. Jones recently retired from the United States Naval Reserves in May 2011 with the rank of Commander.

Mr. Jones is an Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of California in San Diego with more than 20 years of experience. A veteran trial lawyer, Mr. Jones has tried over 70 federal jury cases to verdict involving sophisticated white-collar fraud schemes, financial crimes, complex drug conspiracy cases, immigration and violent crime matters.



John Page

Keynote Speaker

John E. Page is Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of Golden State Foods, Corp., a privately held \$5 Billion food processing and Distribution company to the Quick Service and Casual Dining Food Service industries. With approximately 3,000 employees worldwide, GSF is one of the largest diversified suppliers to the foodservice industry, servicing more than 20,000 restaurants from four continents. The Company also runs the GSF Foundation for kids, a non-profit organization to help children and families in need. John has over 20 years of practicing as an attorney both as outside and in-house counsel. He is on the Executive Committee of Golden State Foods, serving as GSF's Corporate Secretary. GSF is one of the largest privately held companies in the United States. As General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, John is responsible for all legal, governance and compliance matters.

A native of Brooklyn, New York, John is a 1987 cum laude graduate of Pace University receiving a B.A. in Political Science and minor in History. While at Pace, he was selected to membership in the Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society. John is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Law School where he was an editor of the University of Pennsylvania Law Review.

John has practiced as a commercial litigator for over eight years before going in-house with Lucent Technologies and Avaya Inc. (a spin-off of Lucent). John has litigated and tried numerous cases and has argued before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. John's clients have included national real estate developers, global financial services companies and national franchisors. While at Avaya, John served as principal legal counsel to the Worldwide Operations and Services Group which generated over \$1.7 billion in revenue for Avaya. John oversaw a number of critical and strategic outsourcing engagements on behalf of Avaya including one transaction valued at over \$350 Million. John has served on the New Jersey Commission on the Discrimination in State Government Contracting, the New Jersey Attorney General's Task Force on Use of Deadly Force, two terms as President of the Garden State Bar Association and as a Board Member of New Jersey Corporate Counsel Association. John served for three years on New Jersey District X Ethics Committee. John has provided training to sales and finance teams on topics such as revenue recognition, Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and gathering and use of competitive information. John has served as a moderator or speaker on issues from corporate investigations, enterprise risk management, ethics and Sarbanes Oxley compliance, outsourcing and diversity. John has been actively engaged in diversity efforts throughout his career at leading law firms and law departments.

John is a former Vice President of the National Bar Association and member of its Board of Governors and has served on the Executive, Budget, Long Range Planning and Membership Committees. He currently serves as the Chair of the Finance and Fund raising Committee. John serves on the Board of Directors of the Association of Corporate Counsel. John is also a member of the Association of Corporate Counsel (member of SoCal ACC Chapter and Board member NJ ACC Chapter), California Association of Black Lawyers (Chair, Judicial Evaluations Committee) and recently served on the board of the Education Law Center (Newark, NJ) (Nominating and Finance Committees). In 2010, John received the National Bar Association's highest award, the C. Francis Stradford Award, for his service to the NBA and to the legal profession. Additionally in 2010, John was the recipient of the 2010 Orange County Business Journal General Counsel of the Year Award and the Metropolitan Black Bar Association Rising Icon Award.

Throughout his career, John has demonstrated a continuous and sustained pattern of advocacy and support for a diverse legal profession and a diverse corporate America. He is an advocate and practitioner of enhancing business development and legal training for minority attorneys. John has provided business opportunities to capable attorneys of color and non-minority attorneys who have committed to staff matters with a diverse slate of minority and non-minority professionals. As a result, attorneys of color and those committed to a sustained diverse profession are able to and have hired and retained diverse talent. For his commitment, John received the 2008 ACCA-SoCal Diversity Award. Finally, John is a mentor to two law students and is deeply committed to our youth, being involved in organizing an upcoming event called "Journey To Attorney" which aims to invite, inform and inspire today's youth to consider positive choices for the future including one that leads to a career in law.

John is admitted to practice in New York, New Jersey and is a Registered In-House Counsel in California. John is admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court, the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, the United States District Court for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, and the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey.



Valoree Wortham

Message From the President



It has been a great honor to serve as President of the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association this past year. I want to express my heartfelt thanks to the 2010-2011 Board of Directors for their outstanding work and support. I was very fortunate to have the opportunity to work alongside such accomplished individuals. Together, we realized this year's theme, "Soaring to New Heights."

Through our collaborative efforts, the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association hosted a number of exceptional events. The most notable occasion was the unprecedented Inaugural Napoleon A. Jones Jr. Judicial Luncheon. Well over 300 guests attended this celebrated event honoring the late Judge Jones, including 70 San Diego County judges. We also had the unique privilege of participating in the re-dedication ceremony of the Earl B. Gilliam Moot Courtroom at Thomas Jefferson School of Law, and the "Race: Are We So Different" diversity project held at the San Diego Museum of Man, among other events.

I am grateful and proud that the organization will award eight significant scholarships this year. Through its partnership with Luce Forward Hamilton & Scripps, Carothers DiSante & Freudenberger, and California

Western School of Law (Lourine W. Twyman scholarship), we will award three \$5,000 scholarships. The organization will present five \$1,000 scholarships to other exceptional law students from the Earl B. Gilliam Scholarship Fund.

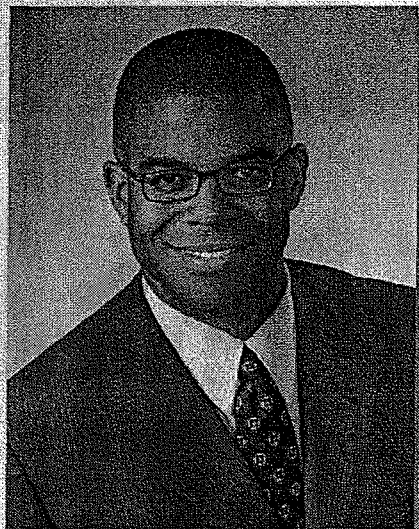
I welcome president-elect, Christian Scott, and the 2011-2012 Board of Directors. I wish them much success in the coming year, and expect great things from them, as the organization continues to grow and evolve. I also extend a very special thank you to our members, friends, and generous sponsors who have made this evening a great success.

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. Ms. Wortham was born and raised in Jackson, Mississippi. She is an only sister among seven brothers ("the rose among the thorns," as she describes it). Ms. Wortham graduated from Tougaloo College in Mississippi, and obtained her Juris Doctor degree from Thomas Jefferson School of Law in 1993, where she was Managing and Business Editor of Law Review. Best wishes,

Valoree Wortham
President, 2010-2011

Christian S. Scott

President-Elect



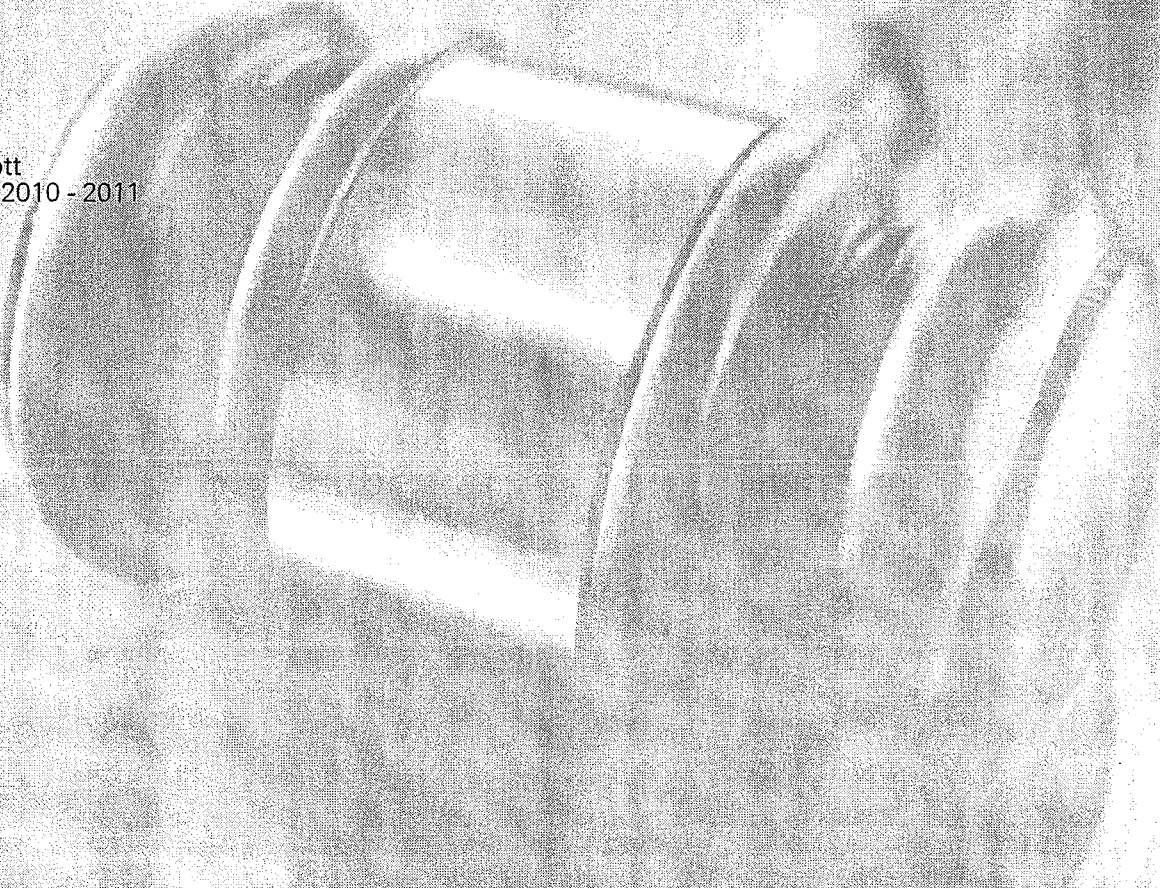
Greetings. I welcome the opportunity to lead the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association as President for 2011-2012. It is a tremendous honor to follow the footsteps of the Association's past Presidents. I congratulate Valoree Wortham and her Board of Directors for a tremendously successful year. As President, my goal is to continue the Association's tradition of excellence in the legal profession and the Association's commitment to the well being of the community. With the support of both the Board of Directors and our Members, I look forward to achieving a successful and productive year as has been the tradition of the Association's past Presidents.

The theme for this year is "Creating Opportunities." As I reflect on my successes in life, I am reminded of the many opportunities my family, friends and colleagues have given me to succeed, as well as the opportunities I created for myself. I have been blessed. I firmly believe that the more opportunities a person has in life, whether through education or professionally, the greater their chances for success. This year, I plan to initiate programs that are directed at increasing the number of opportunities for our younger members to network and partner with senior attorneys and judges.

I and the Board will continue to develop and grow our continuing legal education programs. Such programs provide our distinguished Members the opportunity to showcase their knowledge and experience while providing valuable education. I also hope to encourage our Members to continue creating opportunities for the community to benefit from our unique ability to provide assistance through programs such as Neighborhood Law School.

This very special event can only be made possible with the support of people like you. On behalf of the Association, I thank you for being a part of the 2011 Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association 35th Annual Awards & Scholarship Dinner and I look forward to being a partner with you in the future.

Christian S. Scott
President-Elect 2010 - 2011



Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association

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Program

Welcome

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Invocation

Pastor Kelby D. McCottry, *31st Street Seventh Day Adventist Church*

**Black National Anthem -
"Lift Every Voice & Sing"**

Video

Acknowledgment of Guests

Randy K. Jones, *Master of Ceremonies*

Greetings

Dean Stephen Ferruolo, University of San Diego, School of Law
Introduced by Professor Roy L. Brooks Warren
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Dinner

Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Randy K. Jones, *Master of Ceremonies*

Keynote Address

John E. Page, Vice-President, General Counsel and Corporate
Secretary of Golden State Foods, Corp., President-Elect,
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Program

Presentation of Awards

Corporate Diversity Award
Luce Forward Hamilton & Scripps

India Jewell, *Legal Director, Sony*

Frederick Douglass Community Service Award
Frank B. Robinson

Mary Jo Wiggins, *Vice Dean, Academic Affairs*
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Thurgood Marshall Attorney of the Year Award
Dave Carothers

Honorable William McCurine

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Valoree Wortham, *President*

India Jewell
Regina V. Evans-Jarrett
Marvin E. Mizell
James Simmons Jr.

Life Membership Recognition
Honorable Browder A. Willis III

Valoree Wortham, *President*

President's Epilogue

Valoree Wortham, *President*

Presentation of Award to President Valoree Wortham

Christian S. Scott, *President 2011-2012*

Installation of Officers

Honorable Roderick Shelton

Closing Remarks

Christian S. Scott, *President 2011-2012*

Benediction

Pastor Kelby D. McCottry, *31st Street SDA Church*

Entertainment

Paul Williamson, D.J.

Scholarship Award Recipients

Antionette Joshlynn Scott

Antionette Joshlynn Scott was born and raised in San Diego, California. She went to San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts. (SDSCPA) After graduating from high school Antionette went to Spelman College in Atlanta, GA and majored in psychology. Throughout college Antionette kept her goal of becoming a lawyer and after being away from home for 4 years she made the decision to attend Thomas Jefferson School of Law. Antionette is currently a legal clerk at the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) in the domestic violence clinic. She is also the Secretary for the Black Law Students Association (BLSA) at Thomas Jefferson. Inspired by her own familial situation Antionette plans to practice family law after she graduates and eventually establish a non-profit to provide legal, social and mental services to low-income women.



Kim Carter



Kim Carter, a graduate of San Diego State University, currently attends Thomas Jefferson School of Law. Kim experienced many challenges while pursuing a post-secondary education and career, prior to law school. As result, Kim has dedicated her time serving as a mentor to students focusing on the importance of career-planning and post-secondary education. While in law school, she has mentored a number of students ranging from middle-school to undergraduates. She was the first speaker for the TJSL CLIMB program and she coordinated a Diversity Career Symposium, consisting of panelists from EGBA, LaRaza & APALSA, discussing the importance of cross-cultural networking for career development and diversity in the legal community. In addition, she was a SDCBA Diversity Fellow working for Carlton DiSante & Freudenberger, and has externed for the Honorable Jeffrey B. Barton & the Honorable William V. Gallo. Kim looks forward to graduating and joining San Diego's legal community.

Kimberly Washington

Kimberly Washington attends the University of San Diego School of Law where she is the President of the Black Law Students Association. She came to San Diego from the University of Missouri where she received a BS and MBA in marketing. Kimberly has chosen to pursue public interest and child advocacy at USD Law and has interned with the Education Rights Center at Howard University School of Law and the San Diego County Alternate Public Defender-Juvenile Delinquency. She enjoys spending her time volunteering with the San Diego County Bar Association's Children at Risk Committee and also with the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law and their Parental Education Empowerment Program.



Allyson Evans



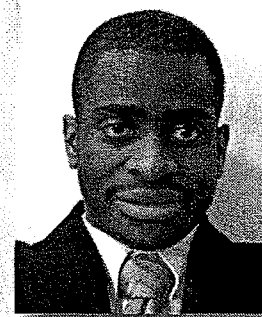
Allyson Evans is a third year law student at Thomas Jefferson School of Law. She earned her bachelor of art at University of California, Santa Cruz. She originally hails from Los Angeles and plans to pursue a career in international human rights law, focusing on policy.

Scholarship Award Recipients

Michael Swift

I was born in San Francisco, California. I'm currently 25 years old. I'm currently a 2L at the University of San Diego School of Law. I'm the current USD Black Law Student Association Academic Advisory Chair. I attended the University of California, Davis for my undergrad degree. I graduated in 2008 with a Bachelors of Science in an Economics and Political Science double Major.

This most recent summer I worked at the San Francisco District Attorney's office sparking an interest in criminal law. I currently intern with SigMed, a company that provides legal services for startup companies. I hope to use my time in law school to gain as much varied experience as possible in order to build a wide spread network and make informed decisions about my future legal career.



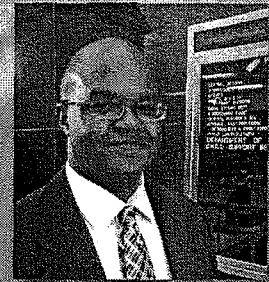
Tatiana Kline



Tatiana Kline was born in Port-au-Prince, Haiti and moved to Los Angeles, California around the age of four to receive medical treatment after a severe burn accident. There she was adopted into a family of 14 and moved with her family to Woodbridge, Connecticut to attend elementary and high school. In high school she played varsity field hockey and ran varsity track and field, where she led her team to a state championship in her senior year. Tatiana attended the University of Michigan for her undergraduate work and received a B.A. in Psychology and a B.A. in English. Starting at the young age of seven, she knew she wanted to practice law. It was through her adoption proceedings and naturalization process where she became enamored by the lawyers she spent a majority of her time with. Tatiana plans on staying in San Diego and is interested in environmental law and civil litigation.

Warren Robinson

My name is Warren Robinson. My father was a career Naval Officer, so I lived all over the country growing up. I attended Claremont McKenna College where I studied American History. I dropped out of college my senior year, and enlisted in the Navy. I spend six years in the Navy working as a radar technician. After my first deployment, I decided to return to college and complete my degree. I was deployed two more times and I left Navy at the end of my enlistment. After I completed my enlistment, I decided to go back to school, and I earned a paralegal license. I then applied to law school. After I graduation, I hope to go back into the Navy as a Judge Advocate General Officer.



Danielle Sweet



I am a second year law student at California Western School of Law. It is my life goal to increase the number of African Americans in professional and leadership roles. Since attending law school, I have focused my efforts on increasing Black interest in the legal profession. In the same way that Lourine W. Twyman demonstrated community leadership and a commitment to providing services to under-represented groups, I plan to do the same. My commitment however is to use my career and experience to provide mentorship and financial assistance to under-represented individuals pursuing law. As a 2L I have shown my commitment to my community through my involvement with Black Law Students Association, assistance with recruitment efforts with Diversity Services, and encouragement of minority involvement in oral advocacy with Moot Court Honors Board. I come from a legacy of individuals who were committed to providing services to the Black community and I am so honored to be in the position to continue this tradition. Now that the door has been opened for me, it is my responsibility to drag in ten others! Thank you for this honor.

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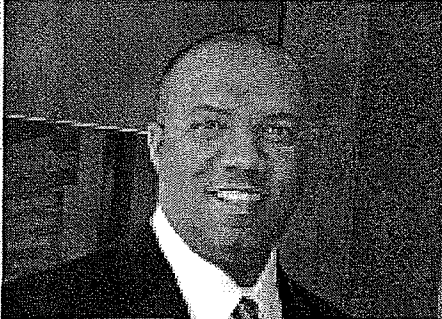
When it comes to diversity, Luce Forward believes that actions speak louder than words. In 2011, Luce Forward:

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- Organized and provided lead financial sponsorship for a special showing to the San Diego legal community of the acclaimed exhibition, RACE: Are We So Different?, working with the EBGBA and others.
- Partnered with the EBGBA to provide an interview skills workshop for law students.
- Hosted La Raza Lawyers of San Diego's 2011 Judicial Reception.
- Provided Gold Sponsorship for the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association's Napoleon A. Jones, Jr. Judicial Luncheon.
- Provided pro bono support for a lawsuit challenging immigration-status related traffic stops.
- Together with the EBGBA, will host (in January 2012) a reception honoring the SDCBA's President-Elect, Marvin Mizell.
- Began work in conjunction with the Ethnic Relations and Diversity Committee of the SDCBA to establish a specialty bar association for persons with disabilities.
- Has had attorneys involved in leadership in, or has provided sponsorship to, numerous other organizations promoting diversity in the legal profession, including the California Minority Counsel Program, the Project for Attorney Retention, and numerous diverse bar organizations.

Luce Forward is honored to be recognized by the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association for its efforts, and looks forward to continuing to work together to strengthen our community and our profession through increased diversity.

Frank B. Robinson

Frederick Douglass Community Service Award



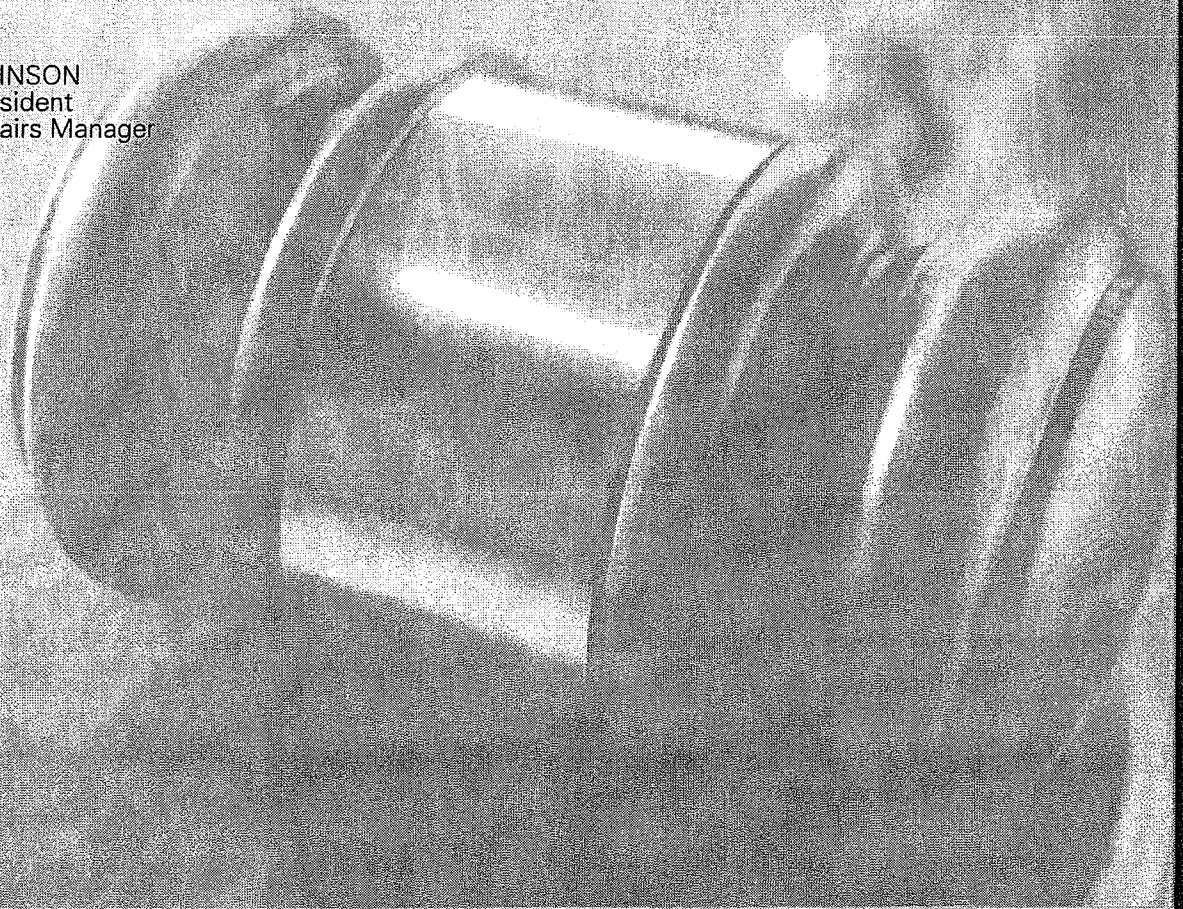
Frank B. Robinson is a senior vice president and community affairs manager for Union Bank, N.A. His responsibilities include implementation of internal and external initiatives and integrated marketing programs to help increase market share in designated multicultural segments. Based in San Diego, Mr. Robinson reports to Senior Vice President and Regional Executive Leticia Aguilar.

Previously, Mr. Robinson was vice president and segment manager of Business Diversity Lending for Union Bank, where he oversaw the bank's Special Purpose Credit Program. Mr. Robinson first joined Union Bank in 1998 as a financial services officer and was promoted within two years to assistant vice president and branch manager of the Brawley/EI Centro branch. He also served as a vice president and branch manager of the La Mesa office. While in both offices, Mr. Robinson was voted Branch Manager of the Year and his offices were voted Branch of the Year.

An active member of the community, Mr. Robinson volunteers on the board of directors for Volunteers of America. He is also president of the San Diego Chapter of the Urban Financial Services Coalition and the Western Province Chapter Advisor Chairman covering seven states for Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

Mr. Robinson holds a bachelor's degree in business management from California State University, San Bernardino. He holds a certificate in banking from the University of Washington, Michael G. Foster School of Business. He is also a graduate of Pacific Coast Banking School and serves as the diversity consultant for the school.

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Dave Carothers

Thurgood Marshal Attorney of The Year Award



Dave Carothers, is managing partner of the San Diego office of Carothers DiSante & Freudenberger LLP, a statewide law firm with offices in San Diego, Irvine, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Sacramento.

Dave was born in Jackson, Mississippi and grew up in South Central Los Angeles. He is one of twin sons raised by a single mom who instilled in him a desire to be boundless and see beyond his South Central Los Angeles neighborhood.

After graduating high school, Dave joined the Navy, traveled around the world, and later put himself through college and law school. Trying cases in front of juries is something Dave always dreamed of doing.

Passionate, focused and untiring are the qualities Dave Carothers brings to the courtroom when defending claims brought against his clients. Dave is an experienced trial attorney having tried more than 60 cases to verdict in jurisdictions throughout California.

He has successfully defended employers in more than 40 jury trials against claims of wrongful termination, sexual harassment, breach of contract, ADA, wage and hour violations and discrimination. Dave has defended clients as lead trial counsel in large complex actions involving representative actions, class actions and coordinated actions involving hundreds of claimants.

Dave has been a longtime member of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), an invitation-only organization with a membership comprised of plaintiff and defense attorneys and members of the judiciary. Dave is frequently invited to address the group as a speaker on issues related to trials of employment matters, employment law and diversity in the workplace. Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger appointed Dave as a Commissioner to the Fair Employment and Housing Commission where he served until early this year.

Drawing upon his trial experience, Dave advises management teams on how to be proactive, execute preventive strategies in the human resources area, and achieve positive and productive work place environments. His clients include educational institutions, national retail chains, religious institutions, hospitality, banking and technology companies.

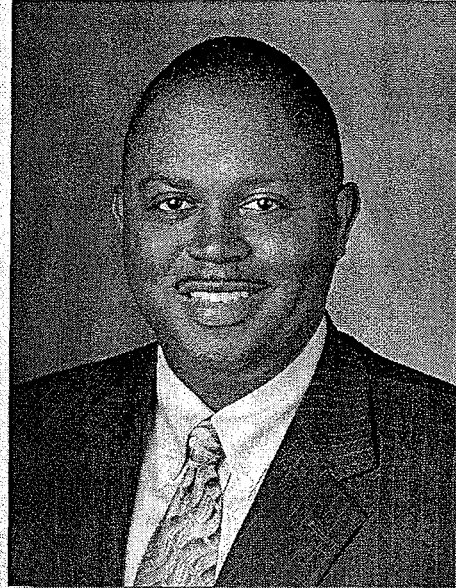
Marvin E. Mizell

President's Award for Distinguished Service to Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association

Marvin E. Mizell, having served three years on the San Diego County Bar Association's Board of Directors, was elected President-elect of the 10,000 member SDCBA in November 2010. When Marvin becomes President in December 2011, he will be the second African American, and the first African American male, to hold that position since the SDCBA was founded in 1899.

Marvin is a deputy attorney general in the California Attorney General's Office, serving as a state prosecutor. In his 13 years in that position, Marvin has handled hundreds of felony convictions on appeal in state court and on habeas corpus in federal court, including successful briefs and arguments in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and the California Supreme Court. Marvin has had many of his cases published and has felony trial experience.

Prior to becoming an attorney, Marvin graduated from San Diego State University in 1992, cum laude, with a degree in sociology. Having become the first college graduate in his family, Marvin continued his education and graduated from U.C. Davis School of Law in 1996.



Marvin has served many roles with the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association for 13 years, including serving as President of the EBGBA in 2002. In that position, Marvin wrote a resolution against Proposition 54, the Racial Privacy Initiative, which was adopted by many legal organizations in San Diego and throughout the state, including the San Diego County Bar Association. For his efforts against Proposition 54, which also included many written articles and appearances against the initiative, Marvin received the EBGBA's Frederick Douglass Community Service Award in 2003.

Marvin served as Chair of the SDCBA's Ethnic Relations and Diversity Committee in 2007. In that capacity, Marvin helped to write the Diversity Pledge, which encouraged legal employers and entities to sign a pledge to implement relevant goals and practices to improve and retain diversity. Over 40 legal employers and entities have signed the pledge.

Marvin is a long-time member and active supporter of the Lawyer's Club of San Diego, Pan Asian Lawyers of San Diego and La Raza Lawyers of San Diego. He has consistently attended the events of many other legal organizations. Marvin has also served as a member of the SDCBA's Children at Risk Committee, as an attorney scorer for a high school mock trial program run by the SDCBA and the San Diego County District Attorney's Office, and as a prosecution mentor for San Diego Teen Court. In addition, Marvin is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and as such helps African American males succeed in two high schools in San Diego.

Marvin, 42, is a San Diego native. In his spare time he enjoys traveling, exercising, politics and sports. Marvin is married and he and his wife have a son who is 12 years

Regina Evans-Jarrett

President's Award for Distinguished Service to Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association



Regina V. Evans-Jarrett, an attorney from America's finest City, San Diego, California, is a visionary and respected leader with over 22 years of professional experience as a political, government, and non-profit leader.

Currently, Mrs. Evans-Jarrett is Chief of Staff to the Honorable Jerome E. Horton, Chairperson of the California State Board of Equalization. As Chief of Staff to Chairperson Horton, Mrs. Evans-Jarrett provides day-to-day leadership to Mr. Horton's district and headquarters offices and works directly with the Board of Equalization's Executive Director in addressing organizational wide matters. She is responsible for advising Chairperson Horton on collaboratively establishing policy for the effective and efficient administration of the world's largest and most respected tax agency, which collects over \$53 billion for education, public safety, transportation, and other essential services.

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, overseeing \$22 billion of State's budget and approximately 61,000 team members. In addition, Mrs. Evans-Jarrett served as the Governor's Representative and lead policy advisor for the Border Governors' Conference, one of the world's most influential bi-national convenings with an emphasis on Mexico-United States relations. She managed the African American portfolio in the Governor's office facilitating key relationships with statewide African America organizations as well as African American clergy. 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 women and communities of color.

From 1998-2006, Mrs. Evans-Jarrett was a member of Neighborhood House Association's (NHA) executive leadership team in San Diego, California, where she was recruited as a "change agent" responsible for initiating the transformation of the organization into a first in class not-for-profit business. 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.

With the exception of taking a sabbatical to attend law school, Mrs. Evans-Jarrett served as a Principal Policy Consultant for various policy committees in the California Legislature from 1986-1996 and had the distinction of joining the

Legislative team as a Senate Fellow in 1987. Mrs. Evans-Jarrett's experience in the Legislature was under the leadership of the Honorable David Roberti, the Honorable Willie L. Brown, Jr., and the Honorable Bill Lockyer and worked for members representing southern California districts such as the Honorable Diane E. Watson, the Honorable Steve Peace, the Honorable Lucy Killea, and the Honorable Antonio Villaraigosa.

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.

James Simmons JR.

President's Award for Distinguished Service to Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association



James is a deputy district attorney with the San Diego County District Attorney's Office, currently assigned to the Gang Prosecution Unit. James has been with the District Attorney's Office for nearly 6 years. In that time, James has handled hundreds of cases and tried over 30 jury trials. James previously worked one year at the San Diego City Attorney's Office in the criminal division and tried over 20 jury trials during that year. Prior to becoming an attorney, James graduated from UC Berkeley in 2001 with bachelor degrees in Political Science and African American Studies. James continued his education and graduated from Golden Gate University School of Law in 2004. James is the first college graduate in his family. Since becoming a member 7 years ago, James has served many roles within the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association, including but not limited to the following: 1) Scholarship Committee chair; 2) Executive Board Member; and 3) Co-Chair of High School Shadow Day Program.

Additionally, James has served as a chair and participant with Project LEAD for the last 2 years, which works with Johnson Elementary School in the Emerald Hills area, teaching 5th Grade students life lessons and encouraging them to make positive choices. James was formerly a board of director of the California Young Lawyers Association. James has also volunteered with the San Diego County Bar Association Children at Risk committee participating in Law Week and helping to judge Mock Trial competitions.

James was born and raised in South Central Los Angeles with his mother and three older sisters. In his spare time, he enjoys playing sports and spending time with family. James is married to Marcecia and has two sons, Jaden (2 years old) and Justin (3 months old).

India Jewell

President's Award for Distinguished Service to Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association

India was born in Indianapolis, Indiana. India graduated from the University of Louisville with a B.A. degree in philosophy, and from the University of Cincinnati College of Law. During law school, India clerked at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit with Honorable Nathaniel Jones. India is licensed in Kentucky and Indiana and was associated with the law firm of Seiler Waterman LLP in Louisville where she practiced corporate, commercial and business law, and general civil litigation. After working at the firm, India joined The General Electric Company in the Appliances and Lighting Division. India joined Sony Electronics Inc. in 2010 as Law Director specializing in sales, anti-trust, advertising and marketing law and as lead counsel for Sony retail stores, digital imaging and personal audio product categories.

India volunteers as Mentor Chair for the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association where she has mentors law students at all three San Diego law schools. India has recently accepted a seat on the Friends Committee to the National Association of Women Judges in order to assist with the planning of the 2014 national conference in San Diego. India enjoys spending time with friends, family and traveling in her spare time.



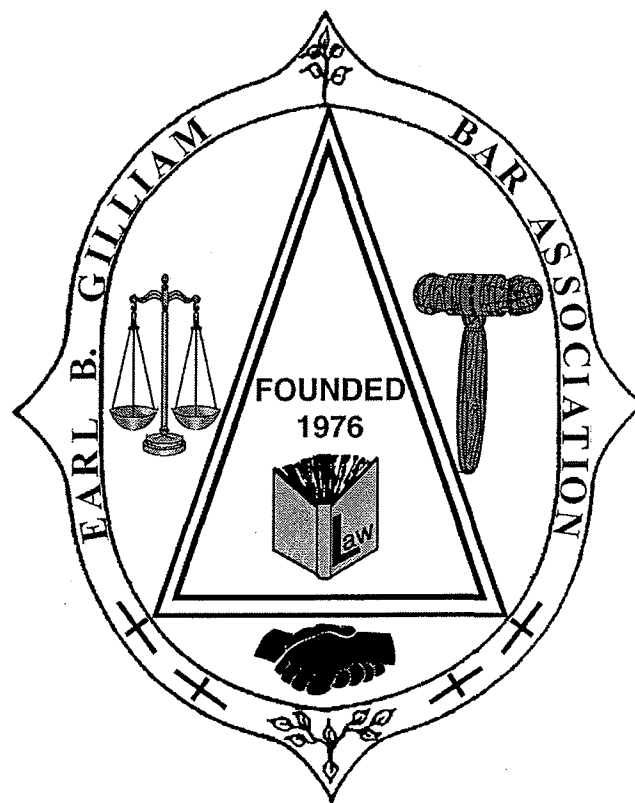
Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association

The Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association was originally established in 1976 as the Association of Black Attorneys of San Diego County ("ABASDC"). In 1982, under the presidency of Daniel Weber, ABASDC formally changed its name to the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association ("EBGBA") in recognition of the 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 attorneys, 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-Americans; eliminating the root causes of poverty, powerlessness and racism; preserving the high standards of integrity, honor and courtesy in the legal profession; and promoting the professional and personal interests of individual members."

The EBGBA organization includes individuals who are, or have been, judges, professors, and officers of the National Bar Association, the 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 contribution to the community of San Diego by 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. EBGBA seeks to facilitate your success as a laws student by inviting you to join the organization as a student-member



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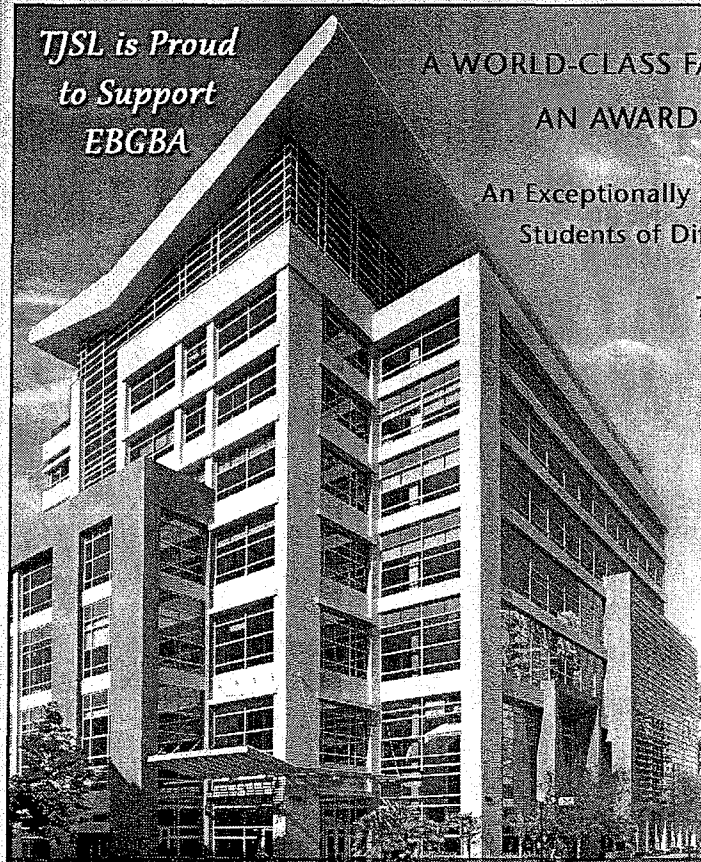
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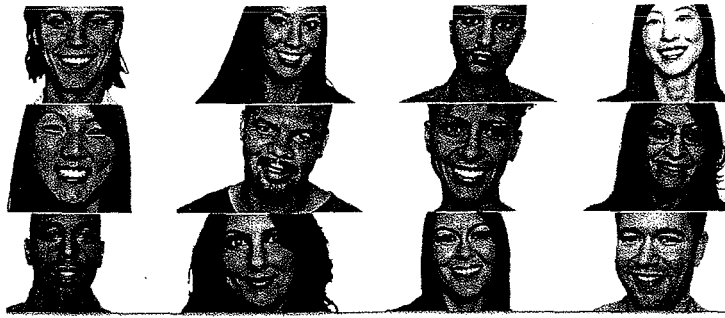
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