

*3rd Annual
Friendship Dinner*

Beyond The Horizon

Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association

November 3, 2012

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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November 3, 2012

Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association
President-Elect Udoka Nwanna
P.O. Box 124655
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Dear President-Elect Udoka Nwanna,

Congratulations to the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association for 36 years of representing the interests of African-American attorneys, judges, law professors and law students.

As the first African-American United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, the late Earl B. Gilliam would be proud of how your association continues to uphold its mission to defend the legal and human rights of African-Americans and preserve the highest standards of integrity, honor and courtesy in the legal profession.

San Diego is a diverse region and your three decades of service to the community has helped promote good citizenship and public integrity throughout the region. I wish you continued success and believe that the State of California is lucky to have such an active and committed organization.

Sincerely,

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M E S S A G E

Congratulations to the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association (EBGBA) on the occasion of your 36th 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.

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!

Enjoy your evening!

Sincerely,

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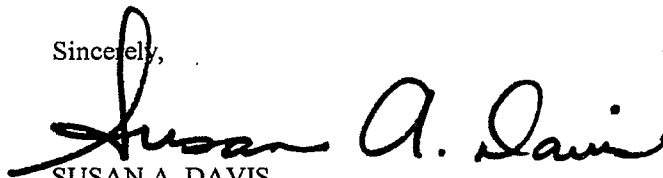
Dear Friends:

I am pleased to have this opportunity to greet you as the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association comes together for the 36th Annual Awards and Scholarship dinner. Your event provides an opportunity to thank our community leaders and award legal students who have attained academic excellence.

I commend the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association for your avid support of community leaders and higher academic achievement. As a member of the Subcommittee for Higher Education, I am committed to make higher education more affordable and available to all students.

I extend my best wishes to you all. I hope you have an enjoyable event and many continued successes in the future

Sincerely,



SUSAN A. DAVIS
Member of Congress

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JERRY SANDERS
MAYOR

GREETINGS TO THE
PARTICIPANTS AND GUESTS OF THE

EARL B. GILLIAM BAR ASSOCIATION

36TH ANNUAL AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIP
DINNER

November 3, 2012

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) 36th 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, EGBGA has also carried Gilliam's mission in law. The EGBGA preserves the highest standards of integrity, honor and courtesy in the legal profession. The EGBGA 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 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 an exciting and memorable evening, I wish you continued success in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

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JERRY SANDERS
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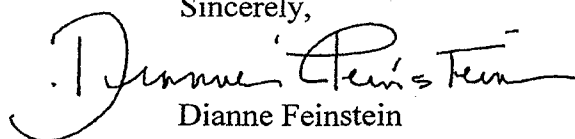
Dear Friends:

It gives me great pleasure to extend warm greetings to all who have gathered for the 36th Annual Awards and Scholarship Dinner of the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association.

For over three decades, the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association has served as an important resource and advocate for African-American legal professionals. By providing networking events and mentorship programs, you develop San Diego's emerging leaders while celebrating and promoting diversity throughout the legal community. I commend the contributions and achievements of tonight's honorees and am confident the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association will continue to serve as an asset to the region.

As a United States Senator from the State of California, I extend my best wishes for an enjoyable event.

Sincerely,



Dianne Feinstein
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RON ROBERTS
CHAIRMAN, FOURTH DISTRICT
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November 3, 2012

Dear Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association:

As Chairman of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, please accept my heartfelt congratulations on the occasion of your 36th 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. They have developed into 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 those who will be recognized this evening for improving the quality of life in San Diego County and to the students who have attained academic excellence. Your efforts made an influence that is felt each day throughout this county.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ron Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

RON ROBERTS
Chairman
County of San Diego

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.

Pamela Davis

Mistress of Ceremonies



As the former anchor for the number one weekend newscast on KFMB, Channel 8, Pamela Davis is a familiar face in the San Diego community. Reporting local and national stories, she has been a featured correspondent on CNN, HBO's Real Sports and the CBS news magazine "48 Hours." An Emmy award winning journalist, she has been recognized by the City Council for her work in the community.

She went from Channel 8 to Denver, Colorado to anchor Fox 31's Good Day Colorado. In the first year of the newscast, she was recognized by her peers with a nomination for best local anchor.

She still appears on camera in a variety of commercials, films and corporate videos. Her most recent project is a role in a new webseries called "Blood Brothers."

Pamela is also on staff at Thomas Jefferson School of Law and working on a Master's Degree in Higher Education Leadership at the University of San Diego.

Stamppp Corbin

Keynote Speaker



Stamppp Corbin is a corporate director for several privately held and non-profit organizations. As one of the founders of the e-Waste industry, as well as a senior executive at Honeywell Bull, Stamppp has 30 years of corporate management and entrepreneurial experience. A graduate of Stanford University and the Harvard Business School, Mr. Corbin couples his outstanding formal education with broad experience in sales, operations and finance. During his corporate and entrepreneurial career, Stamppp developed strategies to launch businesses, as well as corporate divisions to take advantage of emerging market opportunities

As CEO of RetroBox, Stamppp founded the information technology asset disposition industry. He developed and commercialized the efficient redeployment, resale and recycling of information technology for Fortune 500 companies. Through the new industry and his business, Fortune 500 companies reduce their legal, financial, information security and environmental risk associated with IT disposal. As the industry has grown, Stamppp has maintained his company's leadership position in the e-Waste industry, as well as created a national brand. He merged

the company in 2006, which now operates as Intechra with over \$90 million in annual revenues. RetroBox premiered at #115 on the Inc. 500; ranked as a top minority-owned business in Ohio by Diversity Business; was named #14 on the ICIC-Inc. Inner City 100; has been ranked in the top three of the fastest growing companies in Central Ohio by Business First; and named Outstanding Minority Business of the Year by the National Recycling Coalition.

In his role as Vice Chair of the Board of Directors for Mount Carmel Hospitals, a \$1 billion healthcare provider, Stamppp heads the organizational integrity committee. Stamppp has also had significant board experience in the non-profit and governmental sectors where he has served on governance, audit, development and executive committees. He currently serves on the National Recycling Coalition's Board of Directors; he is an appointed member of the State of Ohio Governor's Council on Minority Business; he was appointed a National Advisor to the Small Business Administration during the Clinton Administration; and served on the National Board of Directors for the Human Rights Campaign. Stamppp has also served as a Board of Director for Easter Seals, the Columbus Aids Task Force and the Ohio Breathing Association.

As CEO of Resource One, Stamppp led one of the largest Central Ohio-based technology companies. The company offered comprehensive technology lifecycle management services to large corporate and government organizations, including consulting, supply chain management, integration, deployment, and infrastructure support. Under Stamppp's leadership, Resource One was named one of the largest Black-owned businesses in the United States by Black Enterprise Magazine and was one of the largest minority-owned businesses in Ohio for twelve years.

In 2007, Stamppp was the National Co-Chair of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Leadership Council for the Obama campaign. His national involvement in gay and lesbian issues led him to open San Diego LGBT Weekly, the premier publication and website serving the San Diego LGBT community.

Stamppp resides in San Diego, California with his partner, Scott Bishop, and enjoys the great outdoors.

Christian S. Scott
Message From the President



Greetings. It has been a tremendous pleasure to serve as President of the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association for 2011-2012. I am proud to have served with such a wonderful Board of Directors and I'm grateful to have received the benefit of their service to the Association. I thank each of our members for their service to the organization as well.

The 2011 35th Annual Awards and Scholarship Dinner was a tremendous success. With the financial support of donors to the Dinner we were able to raise a record amount of money. The money we raised will go towards future scholarships and programs that help the community. This year we will be handing out two \$2,500 scholarships and five \$1,000 scholarships to seven very accomplished and deserving

law students in addition to the California Western school of Law (Lourine O. Twyman scholarship) for a total of \$15,000 in scholarships.

The 2012 Neighborhood Law School program was fabulous. I extend many thanks to Mr. Omar Passans and his team for taking the lead in putting the very important program together. We also successfully achieved our goal of creating an IRS 501(c) 6 organization. Over the coming months, a board for the new organization will be established. This new organization will allow our members to have a louder voice in our community with respect to political and judicial activities without losing our current IRS 501(c) 3 status. In addition, our organization is just one presentation away from obtaining is certification as a CLE provider. We hope to accomplish this goal in the coming weeks.

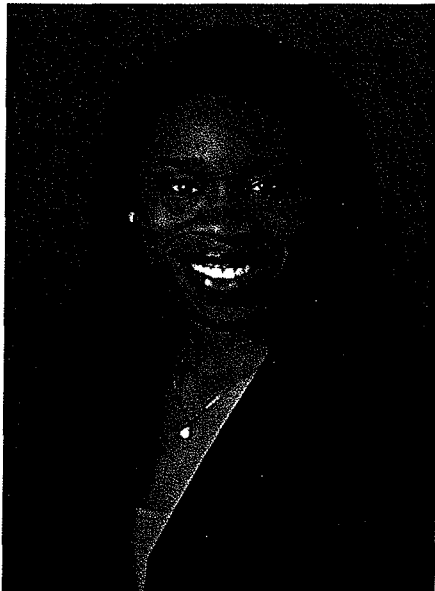
I welcome President-Elect, Udoka Nwanna, and the 2012-2013 Board of Directors. Ms. Nwanna is an amazing person and her reputation for leadership will make her very effective as president. The new Board of Directors are incredible.

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 2012 Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association 35th Annual Awards and Scholarship Dinner.

Christian S. Scott
President 2011-2012

Udoka Nwanna

President-Elect



Although dreams of becoming a pediatrician motivated Udoka Nwanna to do well in her schooling while growing up, this Texas native decided in her last year of college that law was the career for her. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Emory University and her Juris Doctor degree from California Western, with a concentration in Criminal Prosecution and Defense Practice. After having excelled in her first year of law school, Ms. Nwanna served as a summer law clerk to the late Honorable Napoleon A. Jones, Jr., United States District Court, Southern District of California. After her second year, she served as a summer law clerk for the Department of the Navy, Office of General Counsel in Washington, D.C.

Ms. Nwanna practiced employment law and professional liability defense after working as a Deputy District Attorney in San Diego. Prior to her work as a prosecutor, Ms. Nwanna was an associate at national law firm focusing her practice on federal class action securities fraud litigation. Before becoming an associate, Ms. Nwanna also served as a law clerk to the Honorable John H. Houston, United States District Court, Southern District of California.

Ms. Nwanna is admitted to the California Bar and to practice before all United States District Courts in California. She is a New Leaders Council fellow, as well as an active member of the San Diego legal community. She serves on the boards and committees of the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association, the Lawyers Club of San Diego, California Western School of Law Alumni Board, and Culture Shock San Diego. Ms. Nwanna was recently selected as one of the *2012 Urban Leader Under 40* by the Urban League of San Diego County. Ms. Nwanna spends her free time travelling, golfing and as a volunteer at Rady Children's Hospital.

In looking at her upcoming year at the helm of the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association, Ms. Nwanna is excited and honored to be a part of the legacy that this great organization has created. In her role as President, Ms. Nwanna's theme will be "Beyond the Horizon." Under this vision, Ms. Nwanna will seek to take the Organization to the next level by focusing on collaboration with other legal and professional organizations to increase networking opportunities for our members; mentorship of law students in order to increase retention and bar passage rates; and an increased presence in the San Diego community through pro bono events.

Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association

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Closing Remarks

Udoka Nwanna

President 2012 - 2013

Scholarship Award Recipients



Chante Coleman

Chante Coleman, a San Diego native, before entering California Western School of Law, attended Princeton University where she was a co-founder of the Multiracial Multicultural Students Union (UMMS) and interned at U.S. District Court, Trenton, New Jersey. As a 2L, she was selected for the ABA Judicial Clerkship Program in New Orleans in 2012. She is a member of Law Review and tutors Constitutional Law and Torts. She holds an academic achievement award in Legal Skills II and is CWSL chapter founder and president of Law Students for Reproductive Justice. She is a member of the Black Law Students Assn., the EBGBA and the J. Clifford Wallace Inn of Court. In 2012, Ms. Coleman was a Legal Clinic intern at San Diego Coastkeeper and currently is externing for U.S. District Court Judge John A. Houston. Her future goals include cross-cultural mediation and alternative dispute resolution.

Ryan Davis

Ryan, a Bay Area native, attends Thomas Jefferson School of Law where he has been recognized as an Honors student. He is the current social chair for the Black Law Students Association, as well as a mentor for a current first year student. During the Summer Ryan worked with the Federal Defenders of San Diego. In addition to working with the Federal Defenders of San Diego, Ryan volunteered with the non-profit Berkeley Youth Alternative in his native Berkeley. He volunteered with the youth sports department.

Before entering law school Ryan played Div. I college basketball at Weber St. University. Ryan then went on to earn his Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts from Langston University. Upon earning his degree Ryan played semi-pro basketball in the ABA. His greatest accomplishment came in 2008 when he signed a professional contract to play basketball in the NBA Development League and was also invited to workout with the Golden State Warriors. Ryan's mother and sister are the driving force behind his will to succeed.



Brittney Dobbins

Brittney Dobbins, an Illinois native, is enrolled at California Western School of Law where she is in the top twenty-seven percent of her class. Ms. Dobbins is currently the National Black Law Student Association, Western Region Convention Coordinator, and she is the President and Founder of a student organization entitled Law Students for Disability Rights. Last summer, she clerked with the Disability Rights Legal Center and she was an extern with the Superior Court of Los Angeles County. Ms. Dobbins is a member of the trial team and will compete this November in the ABA Employment Law competition.

Prior to Law School Ms. Dobbins graduated Cum Laude from DePaul University in Chicago Illinois. After graduation, she worked as a civil litigation paralegal for two years. In her free time, Ms. Dobbins enjoys volunteering with the San Diego County Bar Association as a Porter Reader.



Erin Grisby

Erin Grisby attends The University of San Diego School of Law. She is currently the Treasurer for the Black Law Students Association and the Treasurer for the Real Estate and Land Use Society. In her spare time, Erin volunteers for Jewish Family Services as a mentor to refugees from Iraq and Syria that have recently been resettled to the San Diego area. She studied at the Paris Institute of International and Comparative Law last summer and begins her internship with the San Diego Coastkeeper in January 2013.

Erin completed her undergraduate studies at University of California Santa Barbara. She worked in real estate development in San Francisco and in commercial real estate and asset management in San Diego prior to entering law school.



Scholarship Award Recipients

Lance Henry



Lance Henry, a Connecticut native, attends Thomas Jefferson School of Law where he made honor roll and received The Jefferson Medal in recognition of academic excellence. Lance devotes much of his time to events that call to action fellow students and the community. As a 1L, he organized "Project Japan" a community fundraising event to aid in the tsunami relief efforts. In his second year, he formed "The Stand Your Ground Panel" to address the legal doctrine of the Trayvon Martin case. Lance takes great pride in his ability to motivate others within TJSL and the community.

Prior to law school, Lance owned a successful social health and awareness company in St. Lucia. After a year of operations, St. Lucia's Ministry of Health purchased his company to further its own social health program. Upon returning to the United States, Lance attended Tougaloo College in Mississippi, where he graduated with honors.

Chantal McCoy

Chantal McCoy is a third year law student at University of San Diego School of Law. She has been an active member of USD's Black Law Students Association (BLSA), having served as BLSA's Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association law student liaison, Treasurer, and current President. Last year she competed in the Western Region BLSA Frederick Douglass Moot Court Competition with Hayat Succar and won the Best Respondent Brief award and Second Runner Up award for Oral Argument, then advanced to the national competition. Chantal has interned at Sony Electronics, Inc. and the California Attorney General's Office, externed for Honorable John A. Houston in the United States District Court, and has been a Research Assistant to Professor Roy Brooks. She enjoys volunteering to give back to the youth and her community, and participates in High School Outreach and Law School Admissions Workshops to assist minority students achieve their higher education goals.



Angela Porter

Originally from the East Bay Area town of Antioch, California, Angela's parents raised her and her sisters to persevere through obstacles and work towards their goals, while being careful never to forget where they came from. Angela prides herself in being the proud aunt to eight beautiful nieces and nephews, and works every day to be a role model for them.

Angela received a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from California State University, Fresno. Nearing graduation, she was preparing to get a teaching credential when her Constitutional Law professor pulled her into his office and told her that she should go to law school. In the back of her mind, she always wanted to be a lawyer, but never knew how to make that dream a reality. My professor pointed her in the direction of an LSAT study guide and the pieces fell in place. Angela considers herself fortunate to be a part of this prestigious profession, and looks forward to a fulfilling legal career that will make her family and community proud.



Hayat Succar

Hayat Succar is a 3L at University of San Diego School of Law. She was born and raised in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and immigrated to the United States with her mother and older sister in 1997. Before attending law school, Hayat worked as a resident counselor for high-risk teen girls as well as a Lead International Student Advisor for University of California, Santa Cruz. As a 2L, Hayat competed in the regional Frederick Douglass Moot Court Competition, where she and her partner received awards for Best Respondent Brief and Second Runner Up Team. Hayat recently received the diversity scholarship from the California Employment Lawyers Association and she spent last summer working for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. After graduation she plans to practice Employment and Labor Law.



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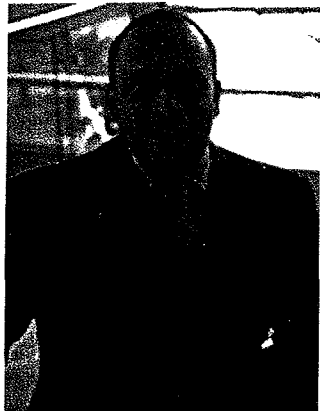


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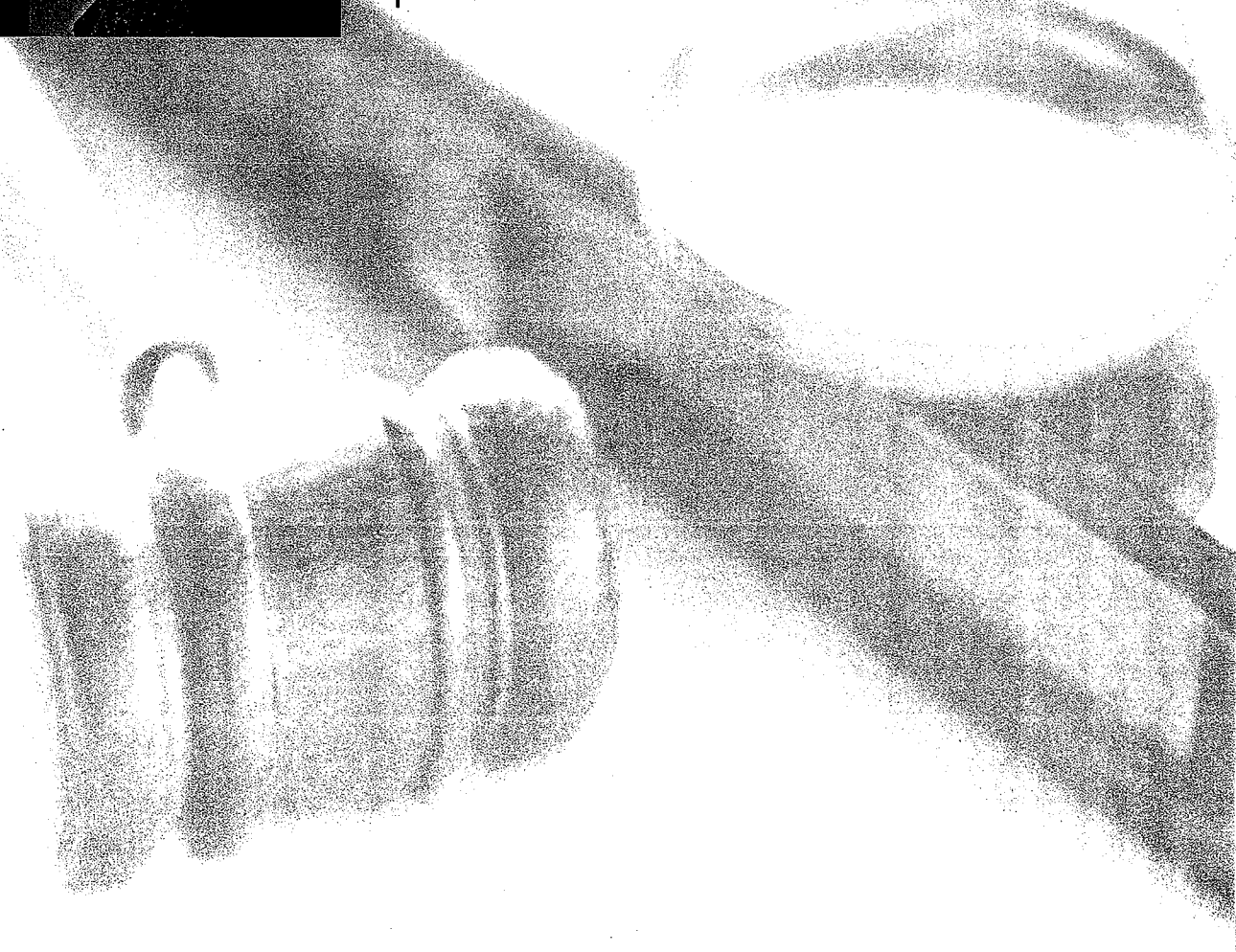
Randolph C. Reliford, Esq. is Associate Director of Career Services for Thomas Jefferson School of Law. He currently serves EBGBA as the social chair and was responsible for assisting with the planning and preparation of the annual San Diego Juneteenth celebration. He is a graduate of University of Wisconsin School of Law and received his B.S. in Finance and International Business from Pennsylvania State University. Before working in career services, he was a litigator at Klehr Harrison Harvey Branzburg LLP, in his hometown, Philadelphia, PA. Randy has also worked at Foley & Lardner, LLP, the U. S. Securities and Exchange Commission, and J.P. Morgan. He is also the incoming vice-president of the San Diego Area graduate chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha, Fraternity Incorporated.

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Charles Bell is an associate in the Civil Litigation Department. After graduating from the California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science, he received his Juris Doctorate from California Western School of Law in 2007. While attending California Western School of Law, Mr. Bell served as President of the Black Law Students Association, worked as a legal intern with the San Diego County Public Defenders Office Felony Division and was a Judicial Extern for the Honorable John Houston in the United States District Court for the Southern District. Mr. Bell's love for sports led him to work in sports marketing and contract negotiations before becoming an associate in the Civil Litigation Department of McCarthy & Holthus, LLP." Mr. Bell is admitted to practice law in the state of California.



Tilisha Martin

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Tilisha Martin is an alumna of California Western School of Law and is currently the Supervising Attorney of the Minors Counsel Office for Dependency Legal Group of San Diego (DLG), a California non-profit public benefit corporation. She received her Master of Social Work from San Diego State University and her Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Rhetoric from the University of California at Berkeley. In 2010 Ms. Martin was certified as a child welfare law specialist.

Prior to working for DLG, she was employed as an attorney for the San Diego County Public Defender's Office of Children's Counsel. Mrs. Martin has also worked as an attorney for the San Diego County Public Defender's Criminal Division. In addition, she was employed as the Community Court Coordinator for the Downtown San Diego Partnership Community Court, a non-profit organization that partnered with various government agencies such as the San Diego Superior Court, San Diego County Public Defender's Office and San Diego City Attorney's Office. Prior to becoming an attorney, Ms. Martin worked as a Protective Services Worker for the San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency Indian Specialty Unit.

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She received the San Diego County Exemplary Service Award in 2006 and in 2007, was the recipient of the California Western School of Law Alumni Fund Raising Project for the Advanced Mediation Program in 2008 and received the San Diego County Public Defender Customer Hero Service Award in 2010. In 2011, she was selected by the San Diego legal community as a "San Diego County Top Attorney" in Municipal/Government Practice. Ms. Martin was nominated as an attorney honoree for the Juvenile Justice Commission in 2012.

Ms. Martin is a general member of the San Diego Women Lawyers Club, the National Association of Counsel for Children, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, and the American Bar Association. She serves as the chair of the scholarship committee for California Western School of Law Alumni Board of Directors, and as the secretary for the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association.

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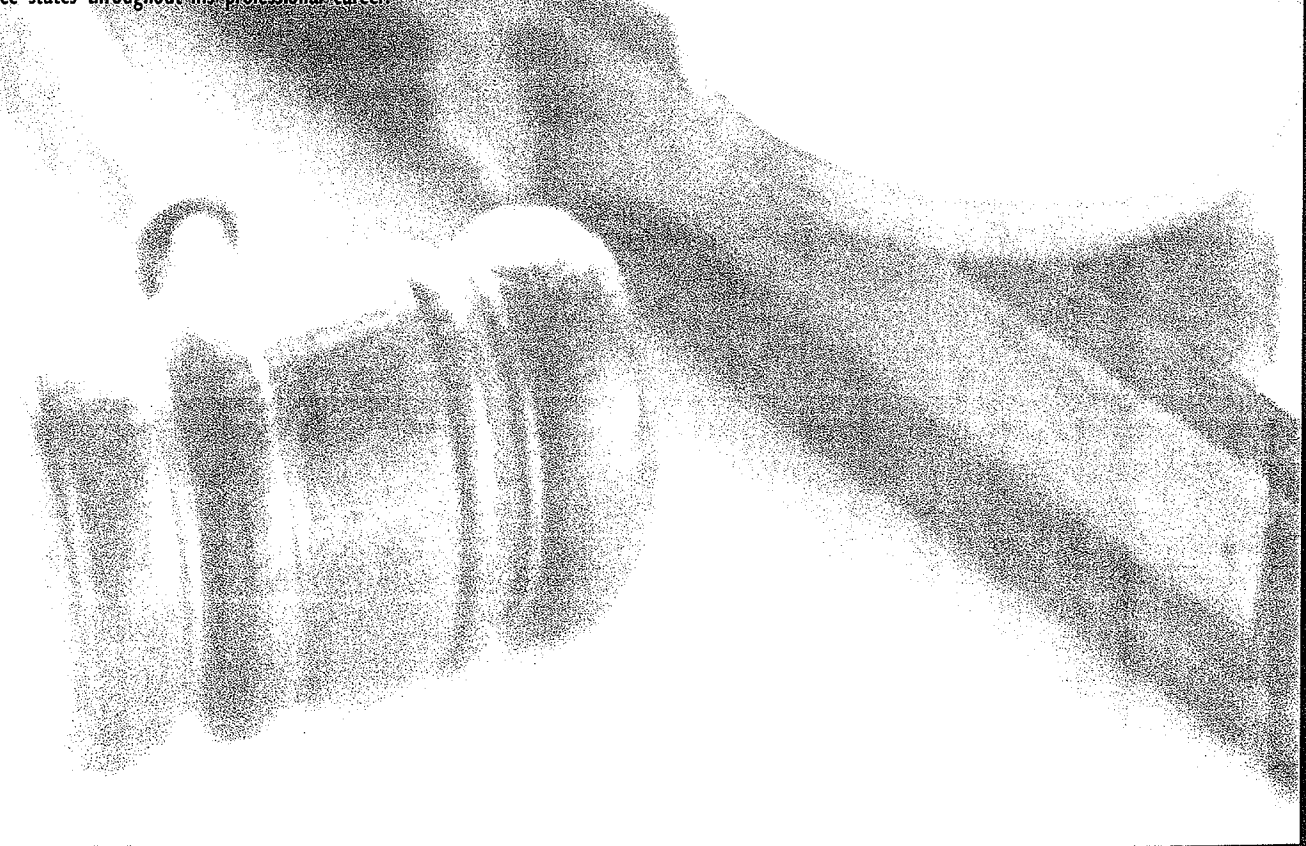
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Omar Passons focuses on construction law, land use and general tort litigation with an emphasis on public agency related matters. Prior to joining Stutz Artiano, Mr. Passons worked as a Deputy Attorney for the State of California, Department of Transportation (CalTrans), where his practice ranged from heavy construction highway projects to inverse condemnation and successfully defending against premises liability claims. Mr. Passons has also represented clients before various municipal bodies across San Diego County. He received his law degree from George Mason University School of Law (J.D. 2005).

Prior to practicing law, Mr. Passons worked as a Health Policy Analyst with the United States Department of Health and Human Services in Washington, D.C., where he evaluated the success of federal programs under the Government Performance and Results Act. He received his Master's Degree in Public Health from the University of Arizona in 2000.

Mr. Passons is a member of the San Diego County Bar Association's Construction and Land Use Law sections and is a member of the Enright Inn of Court. He serves on the Homeless Women's Services Advisory Committee, the San Diego Unified School District Advisory committee on Utilization of Excess School Property and was formerly on the Board of the Directors of the Southeastern Development Corporation (SEDC). He is actively involved in the community of North Park in San Diego, where he is a member of the Board of Directors of the North Park Community Association and the Greater North Park Planning Committee. Mr. Passons' interest and commitment to civic involvement stretches over two decades, when as a participant in American Legion's Boys' Nation program (1992) he learned about our federal system of government firsthand in the nation's capital. Mr. Passons has been a passionate mentor and advocate for youth in three states throughout his professional career.



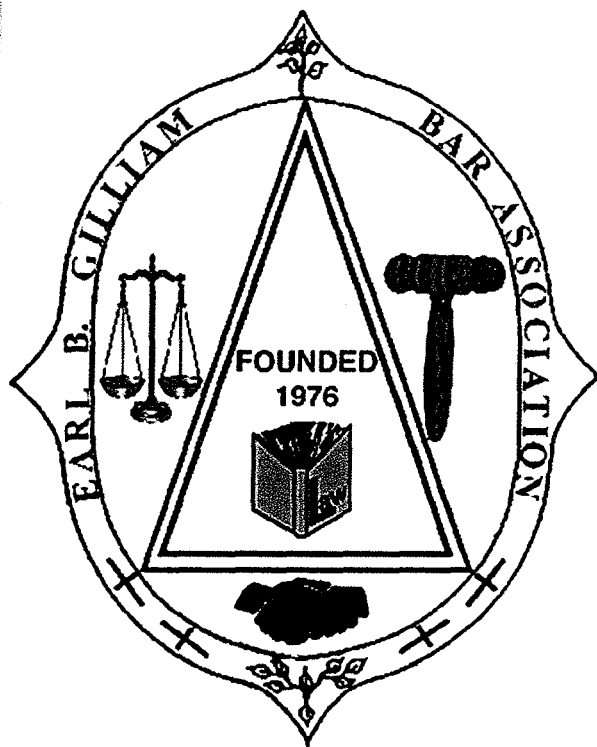
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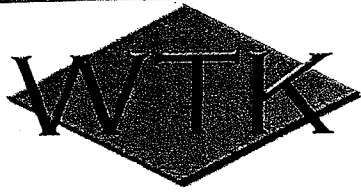
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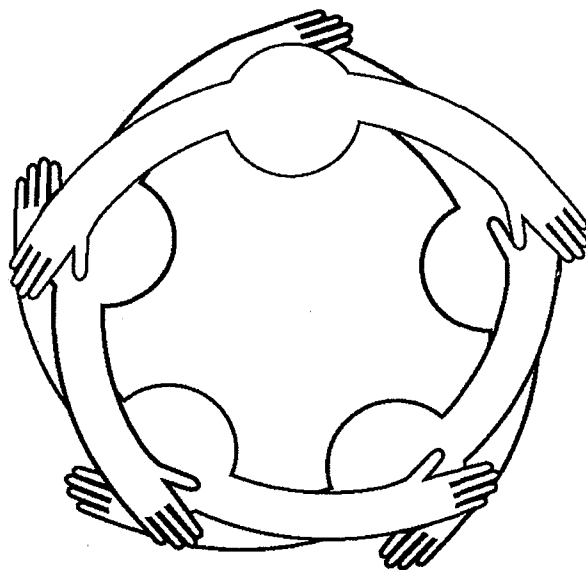
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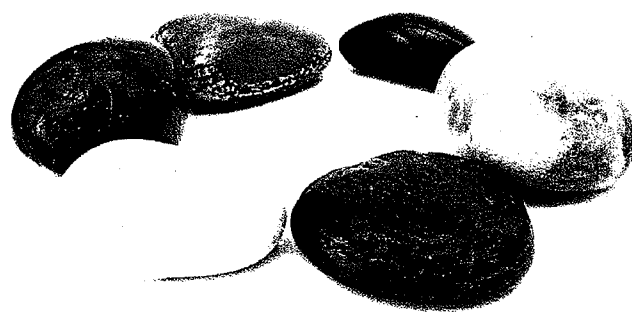


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