



EARL B. GILLIAM BAR FOUNDATION

*41<sup>st</sup>  
Annual Awards  
& Scholarship Dinner*

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*41<sup>st</sup>  
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Dinner  
Program*

"Each year at the President's discretion a member of our service community is singled out for their dedication and commitment to helping others. Recipients of this award show through their dedication the willingness to go above and beyond the call to duty in their aid to others. This year's recipient has shown a willingness to encourage others through actions and has done it without any desire for recognition. Tonight we honor the recipient's indefatigable spirit to push the EBGBF into future growth."

7:00 p.m.  
Welcome & Introduction of Mistress of Ceremony  
Aaron Dumas, Jr., Foundation President

7:05 p.m.  
Invocation

7:10 p.m.  
"Lift Every Voice & Sing"  
David Middleton, Attorney

7:15 p.m.  
Special Recognitions  
Aaron Dumas, Jr., Foundation President

7:25 p.m.  
Dinner

**Presentation of Foundation Awards**

7:55 p.m.  
Honorable Thurgood Marshall Award  
Connie Broussard, Board Member

*Honoree*  
Andrea Renee St. Julian

8:05 p.m.  
Community Service Award  
Yahairah Aristy, Annual Dinner Co-Chair

*Honoree*  
Honorable Michael D. Washington

**Keynote**

8:15 p.m.  
Introduction of Keynote Speaker  
Abrina Wheatfall, Annual Dinner Co-Chair

8:20 p.m.  
Keynote Address  
Regina Malveaux, J.D., CEO YWCA Spokane

**Scholarship Awards**

8:40 p.m.  
Presentation of Scholarships  
Joy Utomi, Scholarship Committee Chair  
Derrick Gilliam  
Luther H. Riggs-Zeigen

**President's Award**

9:00 p.m.  
Presentation of President's Award  
Aaron Dumas, Jr., President

**Installation Ceremony**

9:10 p.m.  
Installation of the 2017-2018 EBGBF & EBGBA Board  
Honorable Desiree A. Bruce-Lyle

9:20 p.m.  
2017-2018 Foundation President Message  
Abrina Wheatfall, 2017-2018

9:25 p.m.  
Association's President Message

9:30 p.m. Closing Remarks  
Abrina Wheatfall, President,  
Yahairah Aristy, Vice President



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**JUDGE EARL B.**  
*Gilliam*

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

In 1961, 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 a 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 the community at large, Judge Gilliam was honored with more than a dozen awards during his legal career, including 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; 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.

# History OF THE Organization

In 2014, the Board and the members of the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association voted to create a 501(c)(6) organization to increase the organization's political and civic voice in the San Diego community. As a result, the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association is the 501(c)(6) membership organization and the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Foundation is the 501(c)(3) charitable organization dedicated to raising money for the scholarship fund.

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.

In the mid-1970s there were very few Black attorneys in San Diego County. On a Saturday morning a small group of the ones who were here met up at Emma's Pancake House at 54th and El Cajon. When they finished the meeting they all went out to go about their day and it started to rain. The men all began running to get out of the rain and no sooner had they started then a police car came up and stopped all of them. The policeman said there had been a robbery in the area and these men fit the description of the suspect. After being harassed for several minutes, upon being asked for identification all but one of the men produced their California State Bar cards. Surprised but apparently not deterred the policeman arrested the one man, attorney Willard Anthony, who did not have his bar card with him.

The others called the only local judge they could, Hon. Earl B. Gilliam. Judge Gilliam got Mr. Anthony immediately released and his record expunged. They were also able to determine that no such robbery had been reported and made sure that the conduct of the police was noted in each officer's personnel file. As a result of this experience, the men came together to form the Association of Black Attorneys of San Diego County. The organization was set up primarily to serve the community and to advocate for issues impacting Black attorneys. After several years of operation, at the urging of member Daniel Weber, who later became a judge, the organization changed its name to honor the first African American to serve on the bench in San Diego, Hon. Earl B. Gilliam.

Today, many members of the organization have gone on to successful careers as lawyers and judges and in other pursuits. And our challenge continues to be how to make sure that success for some translates into opportunity for all members of the community.



*The above information is paraphrased from a speech given by Daniel Weber's widow, Assemblywoman for the 79th Assembly District Dr. Shirley Weber, on November 9, 2013 at the 37th Annual Awards & Scholarship Dinner"*



# Opening Doors

We are proud to support the **Earl B. Gilliam Bar Foundation** and its commitment to representing the interests of African American lawyers, judges, and law students throughout San Diego County.

Congratulations to this year's scholarship winners and honorees.

We applaud your accomplishments and contributions to the Greater San Diego community.

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November 4, 2017

Dear Earl B Gilliam Bar Association:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter to extend greetings at the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Scholarship and Awards Dinner for the Earl B Gilliam Bar Association (EBGBA). The theme, "Empower, Engage, Excel: A Community Empowered to Engage Excels!" reflects actions that are truly needed in our judicial system.

This year's celebration of 41 successful years in existence is truly a reflection of the vision and dedication of the organization's founders. Since its founding in 1976, the EBGBA has continued to carry the torch of leadership within the community. The EBGBA's mission has been to advance African Americans in the legal community, promote diversity, and ensuring social justice for all. I commend the EBGBA for its tenure, strength and outstanding growth throughout the years.

Today, we face tremendous challenges within our judicial system which requires our collective work. As Chair of the Assembly Budget Subcommittee on Public Safety, I can attest to the fight you have to provide solidarity, equality and justice. I admire your ability to defend the legal and human rights of African Americans by working to eliminate the root causes of poverty, powerlessness and racism. Your ability to preserve high standards of integrity, honor and courage in the legal profession is admirable. I look forward to you joining me in this good fight.

Once again, congratulations on reaching this milestone of success. May you continue to be a beacon of light and hope for everyone in San Diego County and throughout the state of California.

Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shirley N. Weber". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue horizontal line.

**SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.**  
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***Congratulations,  
Earl B. Gilliam Bar Foundation!***

***41st Annual Scholarship &  
Awards Dinner***

November 4, 2017



Dear Friends,

I'm honored to welcome everyone to the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Foundation's "Empower, Engage, Excel" Scholarship and Awards Dinner. Your 41<sup>st</sup> annual awards ceremony is a remarkable testament to your longevity and to your enormous contributions within San Diego's legal community and beyond.

It is fitting that you are honoring "the bold, innovative and selfless community leaders that use their voice for positive social change." Now more than ever, we need bold leadership to fight for social justice, diversity, inclusivity, the rule of law and all the other things that make this city, this county and this nation great.

I applaud your tireless work to make sure our local legal profession reflects our community as a whole. Your scholarship and mentorship programs play a critical role in this effort. Decade after decade, you also have fought on behalf of your mission to eliminate the root causes of poverty, powerlessness and racism.

Congratulations to everyone who will be recognized at tonight's dinner. I look forward to our continued collaboration on so many issues of vital importance to our community. Please do not hesitate to contact me or my district office staff at (619) 338-8090 for any assistance you may need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lorena".

LORENA GONZALEZ FLETCHER  
Assemblywoman, 80<sup>th</sup> District



**Office of Councilmember Barbara Bry  
City of San Diego, District 1**



November 4, 2017

Dear Friend:

Congratulations to the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Foundation on your 41st Annual Scholarship and Awards Dinner, "*Empower, Engage, Excel: A Community Empowered to Engage Excels!*"

Your work to promote professional development, education, and diversity in the legal community is truly commendable. By providing financial assistance and mentorship opportunities to local law students, you are creating a pipeline of legal talent to advocate for positive change in our community.

Thank you to the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Foundation for all that you do to promote social justice and equality in San Diego. I wish everyone a wonderful evening of celebration on this very special occasion.

Sincerely,

Barbara Bry  
San Diego City Councilmember, District 1

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OFFICE OF  
**THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY**  
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SUMMER STEPHAN  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY



November 4, 2017

Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Foundation's 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Awards and Scholarship Dinner. Since 1976, the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association has stood as a beacon in the community protecting the rights of African American lawyers, judges and law students. The Association and newly formed Earl B. Gilliam Bar Foundation have well-represented Judge Gilliam for whom the organization was named.

I commend the organizers, volunteers and participants, who have contributed to the success of the tonight's event. This event is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate your work and accomplishments throughout the years.

Our District Attorney Family stands firmly with the principle of equality and fairness in justice for all members of our community. We are proud to provide this service through a diverse and inclusive office at every level.

On behalf of the San Diego County District Attorney's Offices, I offer you my best wishes for a very successful event.

Sincerely,

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

SUMMER STEPHAN  
**San Diego County District Attorney**



## Office of the San Diego City Attorney

**Mara W. Elliott**  
City Attorney



November 4, 2017

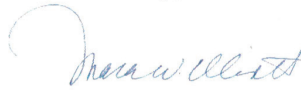
Dear Attendees:

Congratulations to everyone celebrating the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Foundation's 41st Annual Scholarship & Awards Dinner and, in particular, the recipients of the coveted Foundation scholarships.

The Earl B. Gilliam Bar Foundation has played an invaluable role in San Diego by effectively advocating for the advancement of African Americans in our legal community. Its efforts are evident. This organization has produced some of our most respected leaders, including judges, law firm partners, community activists, and government officials. It is, and will continue to be, a strong and valued voice in our community, particularly as we work together to address difficult issues associated with race and equality.

My office looks forward to a long and productive relationship with the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Foundation.

Sincerely,



Mara W. Elliott  
City Attorney

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Omar Passons 2014

*\*The Honorable Judge Tilisha T. Martin was appointed to the San Diego County Superior Court 11 days after being sworn in as President.*

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*Pillars*  
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Hon. H Wesley Pratt 1987

Mary A. Franklin 1986

Patricia Robinson 1985

Robert Bennett 1984

Hon. Daniel Weber 1983

Keith Burt 1982

Dennis W. Dawson 1981, 1980

Hon. Joseph K. Davis 1979

Delroy Richardson 1978

Hon. Napoleon Jones, Jr. 1977

Hon. Elizabeth Riggs 1976



**REGINA**  
*Malveaux*

## *Keynote Speaker*

Regina Malveaux is the CEO of the YWCA of Spokane, a victim's services and social justice organization providing counseling and legal services, emergency shelter and work readiness to over 15,000 women and children annually. Her 20+ years in the non-profit sector have included working as a Legal Advocate at the YWCA of San Diego as well as serving as Executive Director of the YWCA of South Hampton Roads. Regina is nationally recognized as a tenacious advocate for women, youth and children. She began her career in social justice as a student organizer with Marian Wright Edelman at The Children's Defense Fund where she learned of the deep disparities facing women and children, particularly those in communities of color, left behind by both our nation's opportunity gap and much of its public policy.

Ms. Malveaux has served on a number of boards aimed at advancing racial justice, economic empowerment and victim safety including the San Diego NAACP, YWCA USA, and the Alliance for Gun Responsibility. Malveaux holds an undergraduate degree in Social Policy from San Diego State University and a law degree from Howard University School of Law.

During law school, Malveaux served as a White House intern for First Lady Hillary Clinton, congressional intern for the Honorable Maxine Waters and judicial intern for then Chief Judge Zinora Mitchell Rankin. She has also worked to train a new generation of advocates as an adjunct professor in Political, Women's and African American studies at San Diego State University and at the Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity at Old Dominion University. She proudly continued her work training young advocates as a Regional Field Organizer for Obama for America leading up to the 2008 election of President Barack Obama.

Malveaux is the author of the chapter "Women and Children First?: How Low Income Women & Children Have Fared Since the War on Poverty" in 2014's *The War on Poverty: A Retrospective* published by Lexington Books.

She is the mother of two adult children and is an enthusiastic seeker of justice, equity and good champagne.



## MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES

# Dana Littlefield



Dana Littlefield is public safety editor at the San Diego Union-Tribune, where she has worked for 17 years. She oversees a team of reporters who cover topics ranging from wildfires and SWAT standoffs to civil and criminal trials. She also writes a bi-monthly column on criminal justice and legal affairs.

Before becoming a full-time editor this year, Littlefield spent the bulk of her tenure at the U-T covering state courts – first in North County and then in all San Diego Superior Court branches. She has written about numerous high-profile civil and criminal cases, and has made appearances on television and radio to share her reporting with a local and national audience.

Littlefield is a part-time lecturer at San Diego University, where she teaches college students the basics of how to cover public affairs, including local government, law enforcement, courts and schools.

A San Diego native, Littlefield earned her bachelor's degree in American literature from the University of California Los Angeles and a master's degree in mass communications from the University of Florida.

She is a longtime member of the National Association of Black Journalists, which works promote diversity and accurate representation of African-American people in media. Since 2010, she has helped run an annual program – known as the JSHOP – for high school students interested in careers in journalism and communications. The weeklong workshop is held each year in the city where the NABJ convention is held. So far, the JSHOP has hosted students in San Diego, Philadelphia, Boston, Minneapolis, New Orleans and Washington, D.C.

## *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

BY JAMES WELDON JOHNSON

Lift ev'ry voice and sing,  
'Til earth and heaven ring,  
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;  
Let our rejoicing rise  
High as the list'ning 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 chastening rod,  
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
Yet with a steady beat,  
Have not our weary feet  
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?  
We have come over a way that with tears has  
been watered,

We have come, treading our path through the  
blood of the slaughtered,  
Out from the gloomy past,  
'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.

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March 28, 1977

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.  
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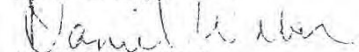
Dear Sir:

Recently, we organized the Bar Association of Black Attorneys of San Diego County. Our Association was organized because we were and are concerned with, among other things, the fair, impartial and proper administration of justice. We believe that justice can only be fairly, impartially and properly administered when those who dispense justice reflect the communities they serve. We do not believe that the Courts in the Fourth Appellate District properly reflect the communities they serve. There are very, very few Black and women judges in this district.

Recently, it has come to our attention that there are, or will be very soon, vacancies on the Fourth District Court of Appeal and the San Diego Municipal Court. We recommend for your consideration Superior Court Judge Earl B. Gilliam for appointment to the Fourth District Court of Appeal. We also recommend the appointments of Attorneys Napoleon A. Jones, Jr., and Clifton D. Blevins to the San Diego Municipal Court.

If we can be of any further assistance in this matter, do not hesitate to contact us. Also, we are looking forward to working with you on other matters of concern to the people. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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c.c: J. Anthony Kline  
Dr. Carlotta Herman Mellon

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



AARON

*Dumas Jr.*

**A** year of great change in our country has passed; we have seen common decency eroded for volume.

**A**s we settle into the new normal I urge us all to work together, to combat indifference with action.

**R**emember that education is the key; it is what allows us to combat 'fake news', allows us all to progress.

**O**ur society needs more people of diverse backgrounds to be able to advance in society to aid us all.

**N**ow more than ever we need to be vigilant to not let insipid insults slide into our conscious.

**S**trength of character is what the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Foundation strives to instill in all of our members.

**A**s the year has unfolded we have made conscious decisions for the future of our sister organizations.

**Y**our contributions now go further than ever before, because we need to do more than ever before.

**S**haring the wealth that we have accumulated whether financial or knowledge has been this year's goal.

**T**he Foundation has supported as many causes as we could this year with the desire to aid students.

**H**owever, the only way we can continue to help is with your contributions as a diverse legal community.

**A**ppreciation for the strength of this community and my board courses through every fiber of my being.

**N**o one has worked harder to raise money for our students and recent grads than my board.

**K**eeping the current theme alive we have worked 'bigly' and 'we will see' what the future holds proudly.

**Y**ear to year the Foundation has grown, we will not slow down, so please help our continued growth.

**O**ur people are not empty barrels; we are not thugs, we will not be reduced by the prejudice of some,

**U**nity across all, unity of spirit, culture and purpose is what makes us these UNITED States. Allow me to go third person for a moment – Aaron says thank you for allowing me to serve, it has been the greatest honor of my life, I look forward to a new year and I look forward to us all continuing to strive. "Out of many we are one."

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Public Defender Randy Mize

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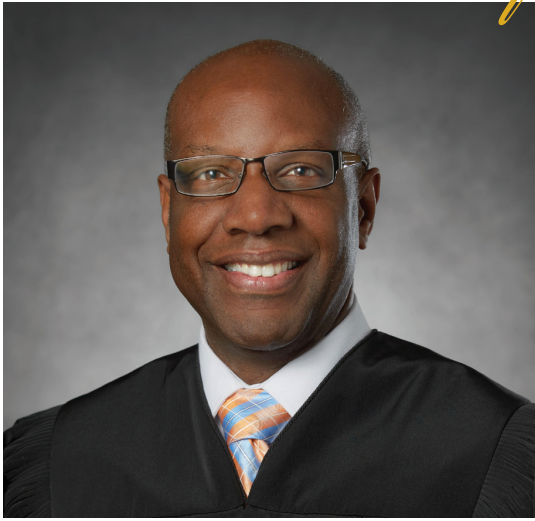


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# *Community Service Award*



## **JUDGE MICHAEL D.** *Washington*

Judge Michael D. Washington was appointed to the San Diego Superior Court bench in California by Gov. Edmund G. (Jerry) Brown. His current assignment is in the Criminal Law division in Vista, CA. He is active in the community, supporting programs like Kid's Turn in San Diego, who help children cope with the anxiety of separation or divorce. In addition, he serves on the Board of Directors for the Boys and Girls Club of Vista, and acts a mentor to high school males through Links Inc.'s Achiever program.

Prior to his appointment, Judge Washington was a senior felony trial attorney with the San Diego County Public Defender's Office. His caseload included all types of felony crimes including capital murder cases. He was named the Outstanding Public Lawyer by the Bar Association of North San Diego County in 2000. Judge Washington received his Bachelor degree in Accounting from San Diego State University and received his law degree from California Western School of Law in San Diego. From 2003 to 2014, he was an adjunct professor at the University of San Diego, School of Law, teaching advanced trial advocacy, deposition and negotiation skills.

Judge Washington has taught California judges through their Center for Judicial Education and Research (CJER). He also has taught the National Institute of Trial Advocacy's (NITA's) deposition, basic and advanced trial skills programs since 1998. He is the Director of NITA's Southern California regional Basic Trial Skills program in Los Angeles, and Co-Director of their iconic National Session. Judge Washington has also taught numerous other public and in-house programs for civil litigation, child advocacy, public service and insurance defense firms. Judge Washington also teaches at Emory University School of Law's Kessler-Eidson Program for Trial Techniques in Atlanta, GA and the University of San Francisco School of Law's Intensive Advocacy Program.

Judge Washington has been a presenter for the National Bar Association, the San Francisco Trial Lawyers' Association, Mississippi Public Defenders' Association and the San Diego Family Law Bar Association. Since 2010, Judge Washington has taught lawyers and judges in Liberia, Kenya, Nigeria, and Tanzania and public prosecutors in Indonesia, Trinidad and Tobago, and the Bahamas in programs sponsored by Lawyers Without Borders (LWOB), NITA, the Kenyan Judicial Training Institute (JTI), the National Center for State Courts (NCSC) and the State Department.

He is currently the President of the Fiorenzo V. Lopardo chapter of the American Inns of Court, and chairman of the Scholarship Committee for Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity. He is a member of the Tom Homann Law Association, and the Lawyers' Club, a Life Member of the National Association of Women Judges, Life Member of the California Association of Black Lawyers, Life Member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

In his spare time he enjoys skydiving and running and has completed eight marathons. Judge Washington is supported in all of this by his wife, Vanessa, and his three grown children, Cynthia, Annette and Malcolm.



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# *Honorable Thurgood Marshall Award*



**ANDREA**  
*St. Julian*

Andrea St. Julian began her career as an attorney over 30 years ago in San Diego. Her solo practice focuses on federal and state civil and criminal appeals. She is certified by the California Board of Legal Specialization as an appellate specialist and is the author of a range of articles found in various legal publications.

Ms. St. Julian's social justice interests have led her practice to include pro bono matters such as the civil rights action of *Albino v. Baca*, 747 F.3d 1162 (9th Cir. 2014) (en banc) and the *Republic of Marshall Islands v. United States*, 865 F.3d 1187 (2017), arising from the U.S.'s breach of its obligations under Article VI of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

As a board member of the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association, Ms. St. Julian is active in the community, working on such projects as the City of San Diego's search for a new police chief and the Association's request to the U.S. Department of Justice that it investigate the El Cajon Police Department for civil rights violations.

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# Scholarship Recipients

**SHANDI**

*Korte*



## **\$2500 Honorable Earl B Gilliam Scholarship**

California Western School of Law

Shandi Korte is currently a 3L at California Western School of Law. She is a “military brat” who has had the luxury of living in 6 different states as well as Okinawa, Japan. She attended the University of South Carolina and decided to go to law school out of her desire to help others. For Shandi, that has turned into a dream of becoming a Public Defender; she currently works at the Public Defender’s Office as a Certified Legal Intern. She is dedicated to public service and was inducted into the Pro Bono Honor Society at CWSL. Shandi has served as chapter President of the Black Law Students Association (BLSA) and was a student member of the Diversity Committee at CWSL. Shandi has also been part of the student-mentoring program at CWSL (also known as the “Buddy Program”) for two years and was given the Tammie R. Harris Memorial Award this past spring in honor of her commitment to community service, leadership, and promoting diversity.

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**JAYVON**

*Brown*



## **\$2000 Honorable Elizabeth A. Riggs Scholarship**

University of San Diego School of Law

Jayvon is a third year law student at the University of San Diego School of Law. He credits the landmark case of Brown v. Board of Education as the impetus that influenced him to attend law school. From this case, Jayvon learned about legal pioneers such as Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall and prominent African American lawyer Charles Hamilton Houston. Like Marshall and Houston, Jayvon wants to help people solve pressing problems through careful judgment and strategic decision-making.

Jayvon is the Vice President of Sports for the Sports and Entertainment Law Society at USD. He finds the relationship among sports, business, and law as quite captivating and believes the relationship will likely continue to intersect as exposure to technology and media expands into our daily lives.

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**CURTIS**

*Jackson*



## **\$2000 February Bar Scholarship**

University of San Diego School of Law

Curtis is a part-time student in his fourth year at the University of San Diego School Of Law. He is working toward a concentration in Business & Corporate law. Curtis is extremely interested in real estate and land use law after spending the last eleven years working in the real estate field. Currently he is the Real Estate Manager for the City of Carlsbad. On campus, Curtis is the Co-President of the Black Law Student Association, Chief-of-Staff of the Western Regional Black Law Student Association, and Treasurer of the Real Estate Land Use Society. Outside of school, Curtis is married and has two young children. A native San Diegan, Curtis intends on staying within the region and applying his degree to the complex world of municipal real estate transactions.

**JAMES**  
*de Haan*



**\$2000 Kathy Payne Scholarship**  
University of San Diego School of Law

James de Haan grew up in Palmdale, CA, and is a third-year law student at the University of San Diego School of Law. Prior to attending USD, James earned his Masters in Philosophy in Modern Irish History at Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland, and his Bachelors of Arts in History at California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks. He has worked as a Social Media Manager, a professional writer/editor, and spent his past summer working with the Employment Litigation Department at Paul Hastings. James is a regular volunteer at the San Diego Clean Slate Clinic, and the webmaster for the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association. In his free time, James volunteers, enjoys working on and riding his Harley, and playing bass.

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**JULIAN**  
*Camper*



**\$1500 Gilleon Law Firm Scholarship**  
California Western School of Law

Julian Camper is a 2L law student at California Western School of Law. He received his Bachelors Degree from the California State University of Los Angeles, with a major in Political Science and a minor in Philosophy. While at California State University of Los Angeles, Julian managed to receive a scholar-athlete award for having one of the top field goal percentages in the nation, in basketball, all while maintaining one of the highest GPAs on the basketball team.

While currently attending California Western School of Law, Julian is not only a Student Ambassador at California Western, but he is also the Vice President of the Black Law Student Association. Throughout this scholastic experience, Julian still manages to work 20 hours a week as a certified legal intern at the Public Defender's Office, where he is constantly visiting clients in jail or writing up motions. He also finds the time to remain a present father in his 5 year-old son's life, who he manages to care for 5 days out of the week.

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**JORDAN**  
*Robertson*



**\$1000 Jose and Laura Castillo Scholarship**  
Thomas Jefferson School of Law

Jordan Robertson was born and raised in Salt Lake City, Utah. She obtained a bachelor's degree in History from Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska. Shortly thereafter, she moved to San Diego to attend law school at the Thomas Jefferson School of Law. At her school, Jordan actively participates in several clubs and organizations. These include, the Black Law Student Association, where she served as president for the 2016-2017 school year, National Mock Trial Team, Student Veteran's Association, National Bar Association, Crawford Legal Institute and Mentorship Bond Program and ASCEND Youth Enrichment Program. She is currently in her third year. When Jordan graduates, she plans to serve as a Judge Advocate General, "JAG" Officer, in the United States armed forces. Jordan is the second person in her family to take an interest in the legal profession. Her mother currently presides as a County Court Judge for the state of Utah. To date, the best decisions Jordan believes she has made in her life, were to accept Christ as her personal savior, go to college, study abroad, and become a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated.

**STACEY**

*Mouton*



**\$1000 Robbins Arroyo Scholarship**

University of San Diego School of Law

Stacey Mouton was born and raised in Victorville California. Currently, Stacey is a third-year law student at University of San Diego School of Law, who earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Ethnic Studies from University of California, San Diego. Additionally, Stacey mentors first-year law students and serves as an instructor at the San Diego Clean Slate Clinic. In her free time, Stacey enjoys volunteering and creating new baking recipes.

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**JUSTIN**

*Shields*



**\$1000 Bernstein Litowitz Berger and Grossmann Scholarship**

University of San Diego School of Law

Justin Shields is currently a 3L student at the University of San Diego School of Law. He was one of the San Diego County Bar Association's Diversity Fellows in 2016 and served as Co-President of the Black Law Student Association, which won USD Law's Student Organization of the Year Award in 2016-17. As a summer associate at Sempra Energy, Justin assisted Sempra's Mexican subsidiary, IEnova, on their \$1.6 billion equity offering. Prior to attending USD Law, Justin spent nearly a decade in the biotechnology industry after receiving his Bachelor's degree in Political Science from Arizona State University and his Master's degree in International Relations from Stellenbosch University in South Africa. His Master's thesis concerned WTO-mandated life insurance market liberalization in China. Justin's current research concerns the potential for investment and export controls on the transfer of US artificial intelligence technology to China. He is also editing a book chapter on foreign investment law in the Philippines. After graduation, Justin plans to pursue a career in international trade compliance. In his spare time, he enjoys listening to jazz records, traveling with his wife, Vanessa, and playing with his infant son, Vasco.

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**ANDREA**

*Anderson*



**\$1000 Brian E. Watkins & Associates Scholarship**

California Western School of Law

Andrea is a second-year student at California Western School of Law. She graduated from John Jay College of Criminal Justice, with her Bachelor of Science degree in Legal Studies and Criminal Justice. Andrea was born and raised in Bridgeport, Connecticut. She decided to move to San Diego to pursue her dream of becoming an attorney. Andrea has always had an interest in criminal law, and she hopes to have a legal career as a criminal defense attorney. Over the summer she interned for the Law Office of L. Marcel Stewart where she had the opportunity to gain insight and practical experience in criminal law. Andrea is currently the President of the Black Law Students Association. She is also on the general board of Moot Court Honors Board, and received a Distinguished Advocate Award for outstanding performance in her Appellate Oral Argument Competition.

MESSAGE FROM THE INCOMING

*Foundation President*



**ABRINA**  
*Wheatfall*

“To whom much is given, much is expected”. It is with great honor that I accept the position of President of the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Foundation. I am excited, humbled, and ready to serve.

Over the next year I look forward to providing more strategic event programming, expanding our outreach, and maximizing our fundraising efforts. All of this in the quest to further our mission of supporting the African American legal community through scholarships for law students and resources for legal professionals.

To do this, I aim to make meaningful changes in our operations to make sure our efforts as a nonprofit are both effective and efficient. I plan to streamline parts of our internal processes and expand our communications through newsletters, regular website updates, and social media to make sure the community has both access to us and knowledge of our resources.

Looking back, as a law student I was able to attend the Annual Dinner and become a student member of the Earl B. Gilliam Bar. After graduation I had the pleasure to join and serve on both the Association and Foundation boards. My first position was as social chair, and I still firmly believe, particularly for law students, in the need for more opportunities to network and socialize. There is so much room for growth and mentorship through our organization and in the legal community. As President I am both excited and committed to providing these opportunities and more.

Thank you for this honor.



*Abrina,*

***Congratulations on your  
election to President of the Earl  
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***- Dad, Mom, Felecia & Jonathan***

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Abrina Wheatfall is a Senior Legal and Corporate Compliance Specialist at ICW Group. Her responsibilities include conducting investigations of high-priority allegations of ethics violations, overseeing corporate policy and procedures to advance the Company's Code of Conduct, and serving as the Legal Compliance Subject Matter Expert on compliance related matters.

Prior to joining the private sector, Abrina spent five years at the University of California San Diego as an NCAA Compliance Officer. She was responsible for investigating and submitting findings of NCAA violations, monitoring compliance, and providing counsel on applicable NCAA regulations for the University.

Abrina was admitted to the State Bar of California in December 2012. She attended law school at Thomas Jefferson School of Law and earned her bachelor's degree in political science and ethnic studies from the University of Oregon. Abrina is a member of the Society of Corporate Compliance and Ethics and Association of Corporate Counsel. She is a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated and has held various leadership roles within the Earl B. Gilliam Bar since 2013.

**AARON**

*Dumas Jr.*



**Immediate  
Past-  
President**

Aaron Dumas, Jr. grew up in the hills of Kingston, Jamaica and Aaron's main wish was to study medicine and law and to never ever see snow. Fearing falling into a rut in his life's path Aaron left Jamaica to see what America had to offer and has seized the opportunities it has provided him. A proud Zoology (B.S.) degree holding graduate of The University of Texas at Austin, Aaron fondly remembers Matthew McConaughey as a bongo drum player first, actor second. First serving as an aid to Caribbean students in Austin, then as a 12 year member of the Earl B. Gilliam organizations Aaron has chosen to complement his legal career with service to the community. Despite a brief stop in Hollywood to work behind the scenes on television projects Aaron's main passion has been corporate litigation. He credits his firm Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP for their multi-year commitment to helping the minority legal community through their time and finances and their willingness to allow him to adapt his time to serve the EBGBF. Aaron still has not seen snow and refuses to believe persons actually live in snowy regions.

**YAHAIRAH**

*Aristy*



**Vice  
President**

Yhairah Aristy is a Deputy Public Defender in the Public Defender's Office for the County of San Diego since 2005, and presently handling a wide array of felony cases. She earned her Juris Doctorate from Thomas Jefferson School of Law and a Masters in Clinical Psychology from Roosevelt University. She is bilingual in English and Spanish. In May 2017, she was elected to the Lawyers Club of San Diego board. She serves as the Lawyers Club Co-Affiliate Governor board member for the California Women Lawyers board. She is also the Co-Chair of the Membership Development Committee, and an active member of the Diverse Women's Committee and Women Advocacy Committee. She served as the 2016-2017 Secretary for the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Foundation board and the 2017 Co-Chair for the Annual Dinner. Yahairah is an attorney coach for the Lincoln High School Mock Trial team.

Besides her involvement in legal organizations, Yahairah is also active in her community by serving on boards aimed at engaging the community in politics and improving the lives of at-risk children.



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Jaymes R. Sanford is a Deputy Public Defender in the San Diego County Office of the Primary Public Defender. He has worked at the Public Defender's office for 6 years, and represents indigent persons charged with felony offenses. Jaymes originally from Los Angeles graduated from the University of Southern California. He attended Howard University School of law, but found his way back to sunny southern California shortly after. He coaches the Lincoln High School Mock Trial Team. He is President of the local Howard University Alumni Club, and enjoys mentoring and speaking with youth.

**BRITTNEY  
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*Dobbins*



**Secretary**

Brittney Renee-Moss Dobbins is an associate in the Southern California office of Gordon & Rees and a member of the office's Commercial Litigation Practice Group. She focuses her practice on employment litigation and counseling representing Fortune 500 corporations, startups, and nonprofits in class action, individual litigation, mediation, and arbitration. She practices before state and federal courts and agencies and has represented clients in the areas of labor, employment, soft intellectual property, and business law. She has also provided clients with preventative advice on employee discipline and investigations, employment agreements and policies, and compliance with all aspects of labor and employment law.

A former elite gymnast and student-athlete, Brittney offers a very motivated, confident, and disciplined practice of law. She has represented clients in a variety of industries, including entertainment, insurance, technology, telecommunications, and retail, among others. In addition to her regular practice, Brittney devotes time to pro bono matters.

While attending law school Brittney clerked for Foley & Lardner LLP and was a judicial extern within the Los Angeles Superior Court and the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of California. Prior to attending law school Brittney worked full-time as a civil litigation paralegal. She also spent four years in supervisory / operative level management for the retail clothing and accessory industry.

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**JOY**

*Utomi*



Joy Utomi is a Deputy Attorney General in the California Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General. She works in the Criminal Appeals, Writs, and Trials unit where she prosecutes felony appeals. Joy earned her Juris Doctor from the University of San Diego School of Law and earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Loyola Marymount University. Joy has been involved with the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association since 2010 and has served on the Foundation board since it was formed in 2014. Joy is a member of Lawyers Club of San Diego, and she serves on the USD Law School Alumni Board.

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**OMAR**

*Passons*



Omar Passons is a native San Diegan, a land use and construction attorney, and a byproduct of San Diego County's foster care system. Omar is a past President of the Earl B. Gilliam Bar and former member of the California Association of Black Lawyers Board of Directors. Prior to his legal career, Omar earned a Master's Degree in Public Health and worked for four years evaluating the success and effectiveness of government-funded health and social service programs for the United States Department of Health and Human Services in Washington, D.C. Since moving home to San Diego in 2004, Omar has dedicated his life to improving economic opportunities for all San Diegans and to helping youth, especially foster youth. With over 100 foster brothers and sisters of all backgrounds during his life, Omar realizes that as people we have a lot in common. Omar's passion for helping others, for community, and for all things San Diego have led him down a variety of paths to help make our community a better place for everyone.

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**BRADLEY**

*Muldrow*



Bradley Muldrow born in Buffalo, New York, moved to San Diego in 2011 to attend the University of San Diego School of Law. He served as Academic Affairs Chair for USD's Black Law Students Association from 2012-2013, and served as Co-President of the organization from 2013-2014.

After graduating from law school, Bradley served as an attorney for San Diego Gas & Electric Company for two years. He currently serves an attorney in Robbins Arroyo LLP's New Matters Department.

Bradley joined the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Foundation Board in 2016.

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**EUKETA**

*Oliver*



Euketa Oliver for the past twelve years, Euketa has worked as a Deputy Public Defender with the San Diego County Office of the Primary Public Defender. Her practice has focused on representing indigent individuals in their criminal and appellate matters. She earned her Juris Doctorate in 2004 from Whittier Law School. Euketa also earned a Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology from John F. Kennedy University, and a Bachelor of Arts in Child Development from California State University, Sacramento. In addition to being licensed to practice law in the State of California, she was also admitted to the United States Supreme Court. Euketa has taught at the California Public Defender's Association Basic Trial Skills and is a coach for the Bonita High School Mock Trial Team.

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