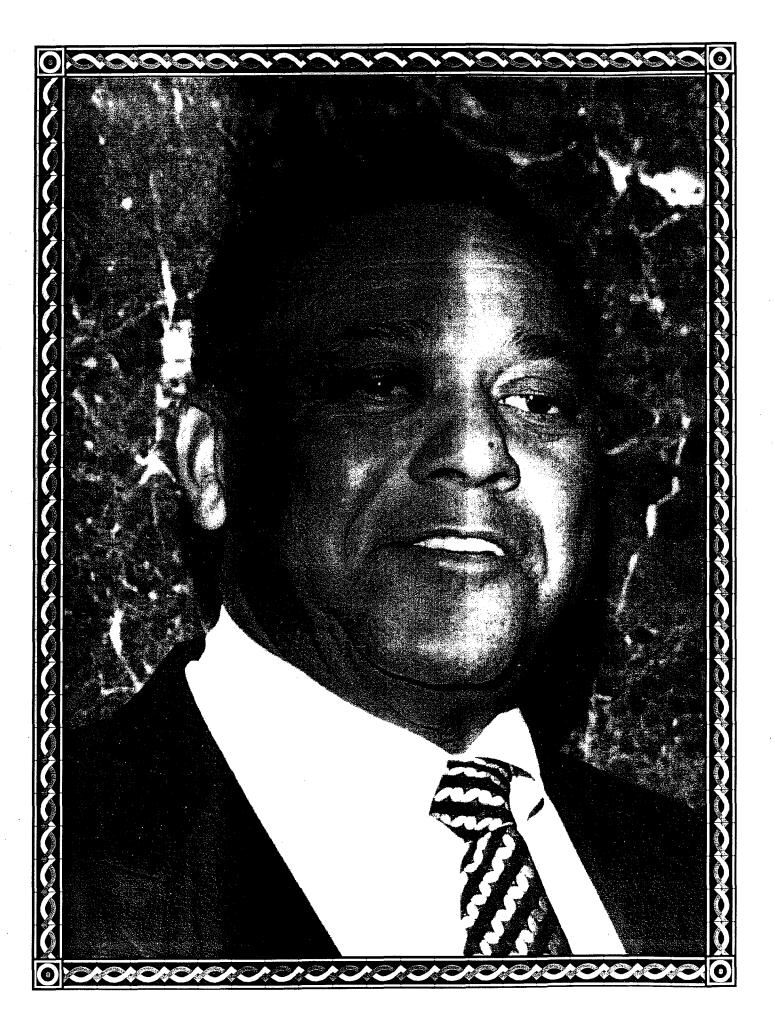
Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association Silver Anniversary



25th Annual Awards/Scholarshíp Dínner Dance & Installatíon of Officers

November 10, 2001



Hon. Earl B. Gilliam in Memorial

he late 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, Gilliam went into private practice for two years before becoming a judge on the San Diego Municipal Court in 1963. He 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, where he attained senior status in 1993.

Judge Gilliam was 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 a guest lecturer at the United States International University.

Judge Gilliam was honored with more than a dozen awards during his legal career, including Young Man of the Year, San Diego Chamber of Commerce (1965); Citizen of the Year for San Diego (1973 and 1994); Good Guy Award for San Diego (1974); Golden Man of the Year, Boy's Club of San Diego (1981); Trial Judge of the Year, San Diego Trial Lawyers Association (1981); and the San Diego High School Wall of Honor (1994).

Judge Gilliam's community and civic activities included the following: 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. Some of the numerous organization that Judge Gilliam served as a member of the Board of Directors include: Villaview 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.

In 1982, the Association of Black Attorneys of San Diego County, which was formed in 1976, formally changed its name to the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association representing the interests of over 200 African American lawyers, judges, law professors and students as well as the African American community in San Diego.

Most recently, in 1997, Judge Gilliam received the Wiley A. Branton Award from the National Bar Association; and in 1998, the Judicial Pioneer Award from the California Association of Black Lawyers. In 1998, Judge Gilliam was also inducted into the National Bar Association Hall of Fame that honors lawyers who have been licensed to practice for forty years or more and have made a significant contribution to the cause of justice.

Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association

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History

he Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association of San Diego County, Incorporated ("EBGBA"), was originally established in 1976 as the Association of Black Attorneys of San Diego County. The Association was formed for the purpose of equipping its members with practical tools, educational programs, and informative publications to assist in the practice of law and to take public positions on appointments to the judiciary, the proper administration of the court system, and other issues confronting the community and profession.

In 1982, the Association formally changed its name to Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association, in recognition of the Honorable Earl B. Gilliam, the first African American United States District Court Judge for the Southern District of California. The late Judge Gilliam was also the first African American to serve as a San Diego County Superior Court Judge.

Today, the EBGBA continues to be extremely committed and 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." The EBGBA is committed to taking a public stand on issues confronting our community and profession.

The EBGBA continues to make many positive contributions to the citizens of San Diego County:

- •Neighborhood Law School (NLS) NLS was created in 1990 by Randy K. Jones, Past President of the EBGBA and the National Bar Association. It is a seven-week course, during which people from the community learn about property law, criminal law, family law, business and tax law, health care law, and employment discrimination law. NLS provides citizens with knowledge about the legal system and their rights and responsibilities.
- <u>Kathy Payne Scholarship Program</u> In honor of a former board member who in 1990 was suddenly stricken with multiple sclerosis, the Association awards scholarships to outstanding San Diego law students who have demonstrated a commitment to their community.
- <u>Public Forums and Seminars</u> The Association sponsors public debates for candidates running for various public offices. The Association also joins with other bar associations to co-sponsor seminars on topics such as eliminating bias in the work place, promoting diversity in the profession and starting your own practice.
- •Mentor/Visitation Programs Members volunteer to serve as mentors for law students, helping them matriculate through law school and transition into the profession. Also members regularly travel to inner city schools to speak to students of all ages on the importance of staying in school, setting goals, avoiding drugs and alcohol and developing self-esteem. The members take the opportunity to share their life experiences and thus serve as role models for future generations.
- •Annual Juneteenth Community Celebration On Juneteenth 1864, eighteen months after President Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation which freed the slaves in those territories still in rebellion against the Union, the African American slaves in the state of Texas heard for the first time they were free citizens. In honor of this historic occasion, the Association, their families, friends and the San Diego Community join in a day long celebration on the beach at North Island Naval Air Station.
- •<u>Annual Student Gathering</u> Every fall the Association sponsors a mixer, bringing together law students from the three local law schools, attorneys and judges for mentoring, networking and bonding. From this gathering, springs lasting feelings of kinship.

The Black National Anthem by James Weldon Johnson Lift Every Voice and Sing

Lift every voice and sing
Till 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 seas.
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 till victory is won.

Stoney 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 have been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered.
Out of the gloomy past,
Till 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 this 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.

Program

Bayview Baptist Church Black National Anthem — "Lift Every Voice and Sing".......Ms. Lanee Battle, Kingdom Music Gilliam Memorial & Payne Scholarships Lisa Costin Lorraine W. Twyman Scholarship Judge, Arizona Court of Appeal, Division One



~ Menu ~

Caesar Salad with Garlic Croutons & Parmesan Cheese Romano Crusted Chicken Breast Roasted Tomato Sauce Penne Pasta Vegetables New York Cheese Cake



Sherry M. Thompson

President's Message

s I reflect upon the events of this year, I'm awe struck by all that we attempted and all that we accomplished. First, let me thank all my friends and family that have helped me through this year. I look back and remember not too long ago when I addressed you as an incoming president. I guess what really strikes me is the magnitude of the bar association and how each of us shapes the bar as it moves forward. The death of Judge Gilliam has ushered in a new era for the Association. Our future seems so bright and so vast, I only hope that our new determination and growth can sustain the opinions of our older members and the ideas of our new members.

During the course of the year, I called upon the experience of past-presidents H.J. Sims, Lei-Chala Wilson, Doc Anderson and Randy Jones along with Judges Joe Littlejohn, Valera Johnson and Ray Edwards. I want to thank them for the support and encouragement during the course of the year. Like any association we are only as strong as the members who carry it. I have been fortunate to have a faithful board and officers who've carried the burden and the blessing of the work this year.

We celebrated new partnerships and diversification as a bar association. I want to thank the San Diego Barrister's Club for their alliance on the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association Golf Tournament. Special thanks to "King" Stahlman Bailbonds and Gray, Cary for supporting our golf tournament as well as The Onyx Room which has been vigilant in their support of the bar association. I'm looking forward to our new program that will join our members with the San Diego Legal Aid Society's Pro Bono Project.

As we celebrate our twenty-fifth anniversary I'm reminded that no one person makes or breaks this association, but we each make a difference. I've learned so much about myself over the course of the year. I've learned that a few people can make a difference, I've learned that there are people dedicated to this community and this association. I've learned that you can only do the best you can. I've learned that sleep coupled with prayer can make things look a lot better in the morning. I've learned that this group of black attorneys can change your life. Thank you.

To Marvin: I wish you the best and much success. I will be there to support you as you have supported me. I know no one will quell your excitement and that your drive will take you to the stars and back again. God Bless you.

"Never doubt that a small group of committed individuals can change the world: indeed, it's the only thing that ever does" -- Margaret Mead

President Elect's Message

"Equal Justice: The Struggle Remembered and Renewed"

fter the horrific terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center Towers and the Pentagon on September 11, our country is bringing to justice those responsible for the attacks, and fighting for justice to prevail throughout the world. I fully support these goals, and the brave individuals in the military who must fulfill them. As we all stand united in the effort for justice to prevail throughout the world, however, we must also be just as united, and resolute, about achieving justice here in the United States.

Being an attorney is one of the most powerful positions in society. Thus, the practice of law is the ultimate place in which justice should prevail. Indeed, the word "justice" by its very definition means, among other things, "fair treatment and due reward in accordance with law." I strongly believe, however, that fair treatment requires that legal decisions be made not by one homogenous group, but by a representative number of people from all racial and ethnic groups. Indeed, it is the historical disparity between the legal profession's use of the term justice, and its failure to practice it as applied to African Americans and other people of color, that have led to the use of the term "equal justice" to represent actual



Marvin E. Mizell

other people of color, that have led to the use of the term "equal justice" to represent actual "fair treatment and due reward in accordance with law."

On this, the silver anniversary of the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association (EBGBA), we should remember, and give thanks to the numerous African American attorneys and judges who have made significant contributions in the struggle for equal justice in San Diego.

First, we must remember the contributions made by a group of African American trailblazers, including the Honorables Joe Littlejohn, Elizabeth Riggs and Napoleon Jones, who formed the Association of Black Attorneys of San Diego County in 1976 to address the lack of African American attorneys and judges, and the lack of legal representation in the African American community.

Next, we must remember the Honorable Earl B. Gilliam, whose name has graced the association since 1982. The late Judge Gilliam, among numerous other contributions and accomplishments, was the first African American judge on the San Diego County Superior Court in 1975, and the United States District Court for the Southern District of California in 1980.

And last, but certainly not least, each president since the association's inception should be recognized for their efforts in the struggle for equal justice in San Diego. Through strong presidential leadership, the EBGBA has developed successful programs, such as the Neighborhood Law School, and awarded numerous scholarships to law students.

Unfortunately, however, despite these and other contributions, the legal profession, by its continued dearth of African American attorneys and judges, has yet to represent equal justice. Moreover, the African American community of San Diego continues to suffer from a lack of legal representation and knowledge.

In light of these facts, I vow, with the help of my board of directors, to renew the fight for equal justice in San Diego. We should fight for equal justice by: (1) working more closely with local law schools to increase the number of African American attorneys in San Diego; (2) strengthening the California Association of Black Lawyers in order to increase the number of African American judges in San Diego; (3) greater participation with the Legal Aid Society to represent low-income individuals, many of whom are African American; (4) creating Law Information Day at the Encanto Street Fair, so that more African Americans can be educated on the law; (5) working closely with select high schools to introduce those students to the legal profession; and (6) strongly supporting legislation that is conducive to equal justice for African Americans, and strongly opposing legislation which is not.

In order, however, for the EBGBA to achieve these goals, and to continue its already successful programs, it will take more than the efforts of the board of directors and I. It will take the efforts of everyone. I urge, and challenge, everyone to join and be actively involved in the EBGBA, or in any other organization that is fighting for equal justice. Thus, let us move forward not only united in the struggle for justice in the world, but also united in the struggle for equal justice in San Diego.

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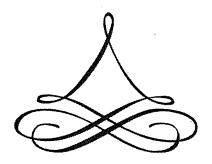
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The Honorable Cecil B. Patterson, Jr.

Judge, Arizona Court of Appeals, Division One



ecil B. Patterson, Jr. was appointed to Division One of the Arizona Court of Appeals by Governor Symington in 1995. He is the first African American judge on the Court of Appeals.

Judge Patterson received the "Living the Dream" Award from the City of Phoenix Human Relations Commission, the Heman Sweatt Service Award from the National Bar Association's Judicial Council as well as the Thomas Bradley Community Service Award present by the Western Province of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity.

Judge Patterson has served on the City of Phoenix Ad Hoc Use of Force/Cultural Awareness Task Force, the Minority Advisory Committee at Arizona State University, and the Board of Directors of the YMCA and Valley of the Sun United Way. Other community activities include service on the National Association of Attorneys General Civil Rights Committee, the Board of Directors at the Maricopa County Branch of the NAACP, the Maricopa County Red Cross, and the Southminster Community Service Forum.

Judge Patterson graduated from Hampton University in Hampton, Virginia in 1963, and served five years as an officer in the United States Air Force. He then earned his law degree from Arizona State University in 1971. From 1971 to 1975, Judge Patterson practiced with the Legal Aid Society, the Phoenix Urban League and as a partner with the firm of Bursh and Patterson. From 1975 to 1980, he was a trial attorney with the Maricopa County Public Defender's Office. In 1980, Judge Patterson was appointed to the Maricopa County Superior Court. He served on the superior court bench until 1991, when he took a position as Chief Counsel of the Human Services Division of the Office of the Office of the Attorney General.

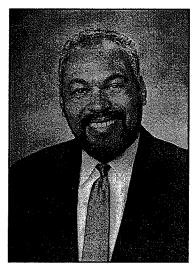
Judge Patterson is married and has two children.



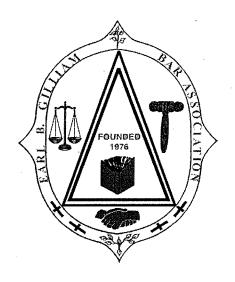
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reg Akili (prefers to be called Akili) has over twenty-six years of community leadership, organizing and activism on a broad range of national, state and local issues. Akili has three basic beliefs (1) people make a difference if you go to them and seek to get them involved in improving society; (2) the essence of democracy is inclusion and participation; and (3) we live in the richest county in the world—we can have a just, fair and equal society.

Akili's political, civic and community activities include Principal Assistant to Assemblymember Herb Wesson; Special Assistant to the Speaker of the California Assembly Antonio Villaraigosa, 1999;



Executive Director, Nonprofit Federation for Housing & Community Development, 1998; Convener/coordinator, Million Man March Local Organizing Committee, 1996; Coordinator, Summer of Peace Campaign, 1994; Housing Commissioner, 1993; Coordinator, Center for Parent Involvement in Education, 1993; Regional Director, Neighbor to Neighbor Health Security Campaign, 1992; Congressional Candidate, 1992; Director, African American Organizing Union, 1990; National Organizer, Jessie Jackson for President, 1988; Coordinator, Campaign Against Apartheid, 1984; Founder, United Domestic Workers Union, 1977; and Organizer, United Farm Workers Union, 1974, 1976.



Thurgood Marshall Award Recipient Lei-Chala I. Wilson



BGBA Past President Lei-Chala I. Wilson received her B.A. in economics from San Diego State University in 1985 and her Juris Doctor from U. C. Davis, King Hall, in 1989. At U.C. Davis. She served as the Treasurer of Black Law Students Association (BLSA) for the 1987 term and was the Western Regional Champion of the National Trial Competition in 1989.

Wilson joined the San Diego Public Defender's Office in 1989 after clerking there following graduation. She initially started in the Misdemeanor Unit of the office and was the Supervising Attorney of the Misdemeanor Unit in the El Cajon Branch in 1995. She is presently assigned to represent defendants charged with felony offenses in the downtown San Diego office.

Wilson is the Immediate Past President of the California Association of Black Lawyers (CABL) and was presented with the President's Award in April 1999. EBGBA presented her with the President's Award in 1993 and the Distinguished Service Award in 1996.

Wilson is the Vice Chair of the State Bar of California Criminal Law Section Executive Committee and has been involved with that committee since 1996. Wilson was a Delegate to the State Bar Conference for the San Diego County Bar Association from 1994 - 1998. She served on the State Bar of California, District Nine Nominating Committee, Executive Committee of the Conference of Delegates in 1998.

In 1996 Wilson was the Outstanding Match of the Year at Volunteers In Parole, Inc., and has been an Attorney Mentor since 1995. She additionally serves on its Board of Governors and the Board of Director of the San Diego Mediation Center and National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) as its Second Vice President.

This past year Wilson was a recipient of the San Diego County Bar Association's New Diversity Award and also received the NCNW "Living Legacy Award" in September 2000.

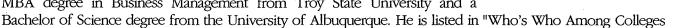
Wilson has a strong commitment to the community. Wilson is a frequent speaker to youth groups and is involved with the San Diego City Schools Student Advocacy Program. She has been involved in community forums on Prop. 21, candidates seeking election, Slavery Reparations, DWB/Racial Profiling, and has a personal goal of registering 1000 new voters before the general election next November.

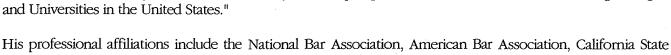
Wilson is a member of the State Bar of California, American Inns of Court: Louis M. Welsh Chapter No. 9, National Bar Association, CABL, EBGBA, ABA, California Public Defenders Association, San Diego County Bar Association, ACLU, NAACP, National Council Of Negro Women, Inc. (NCNW), VIP, Inc., CWL, BWLLA, Black American Political Association of California (BAPAC), and the MLK Democratic Club.

Frederick Douglas Award Recipient Doc Anthony Anderson III

oc Anthony Anderson III is principal attorney with the Law Offices of Doc Anthony Anderson III, practicing in the area of General Civil Litigation with emphasis on Employment Law, Business Law, "Lemon" Law and Personal Injury. Doc's legal career is supplemented by experience in the public and private sectors, including 20 years of extensive management experience in the United States Army, with an emphasis in Aviation, Personnel Management and Human Resources. He is a respected and much-sought-after lecturer on Employment Law, Discrimination Law and General Civil Litigation. He is listed with the United Way/CHAD Speakers' Bureau.

A retired Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army, Doc received his Juris Doctorate from Western State University College of Law. He also holds an MBA degree in Business Management from Troy State University and a





His professional affiliations include the National Bar Association, American Bar Association, California State Bar, San Diego County Bar Association, Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association of San Diego, Lawyers' Club of San Diego, Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity, Consumer Attorneys of San Diego, Tuskegee Airmen, San Diego Society for Human Resource Management, NAACP San Diego Chapter, San Diego Greater Chamber of Commerce, Barristers Club of San Diego, The World Trade Center Association of San Diego, and American Trial Lawyers' Association. Doc Anthony Anderson III is admitted to practice in the United States Courts for the Southern District of the State of California.

Doc's past and present civic commitments include Board of Directors and Past President, Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association; Board of Directors, Consumer Attorneys of San Diego; Board of Directors, American Civil Liberties Union of San Diego County; Board of Directors, Legal Aid Society of San Diego; Board of Directors, Community Health Group Foundation; Board of Directors, California Association of Black Lawyers; Board of Directors, Thomas Jefferson School of Law; Board of Directors, Mental Health Association of San Diego; Chair, San Diego County Bar Association Ethnic Minority Relations Council; Commissioner, City of Chula Vista Veterans' Advisory Commission; Delegate, Conference of Delegates, State Bar of California; and San Diego Urban League Mentor Program.

Doc is the recipient of the State Bar of California's "Wiley W. Manuel" Award for Pro Bono Legal Services; the President's Awards, Pan Asian Lawyers of San Diego; President's Award, Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association; Friend of the Community Award, Tom Homann Law Association; Community Award, Sigma Gamma Rho Society, Inc., "Magnificent Men of the Millennium"; and the Community Award, the Palavra Tree, "Living African American History.





Paul Pfingst took office as District Attorney in January 1995 and ran unopposed in 1998. As the county's chief prosecutor, Pfingst leads one of the hardest working and most successful prosecutorial staffs in the country. He manages an office of approximately 1600 people including 300 prosecutors and almost 200 investigators.

During his two terms as District Attorney, Paul Pfingst has broken new ground and forged valuable partnerships with other agencies and the community. His accomplishments include:

approach to public safety.

- •Overhauling and modernizing the county's Child Support Program. Support for children more than tripled from \$42 million dollars to \$140 million dollars.
- •Initiating the San Diego DNA Project, a program that re-examines old murder cases to determine if DNA testing could exonerate someone who is serving time for a crime he or she did not commit.
- •Creating an internationally acclaimed Elder Abuse Prosecution Unit to protect an expanding population of seniors from unscrupulous caregivers.
- •Developing an ambitious program to prevent welfare fraud by confirming information from new welfare applicants to identify those who are not qualified. Taxpayers have saved \$14 million dollars. Reviewing unsolved rape cases with law enforcement to develop genetic profiles of suspects using new DNA technology. Profiles are matched to state and federal DNA data banks.

DNA Project

The Office of the District Attorney's "DNA Project" examines the cases of defendants who were prosecuted by the San Diego Office of the District Attorney's in 1992 or earlier, were sentenced to State Prison, and are currently imprisoned. This date recognizes that after 1992 DNA testing was commonly available and routinely applied in criminal cases in San Diego. According to the records of the California Department of Corrections (CDC) there are approximately 915 such cases. As of October 25, 2001, the project has completed examination of 473 cases.

Literacy Program

The Office of the District Attorney has brought together the United African American Ministerial Action Council, the Community College District, the San Diego Council on Literacy, the Probation Department, the Public Defender, and San Diego State University to create a literacy program for non-violent offenders. These individuals will be given an opportunity to complete their GED as part of a way to remain free from additional custody.

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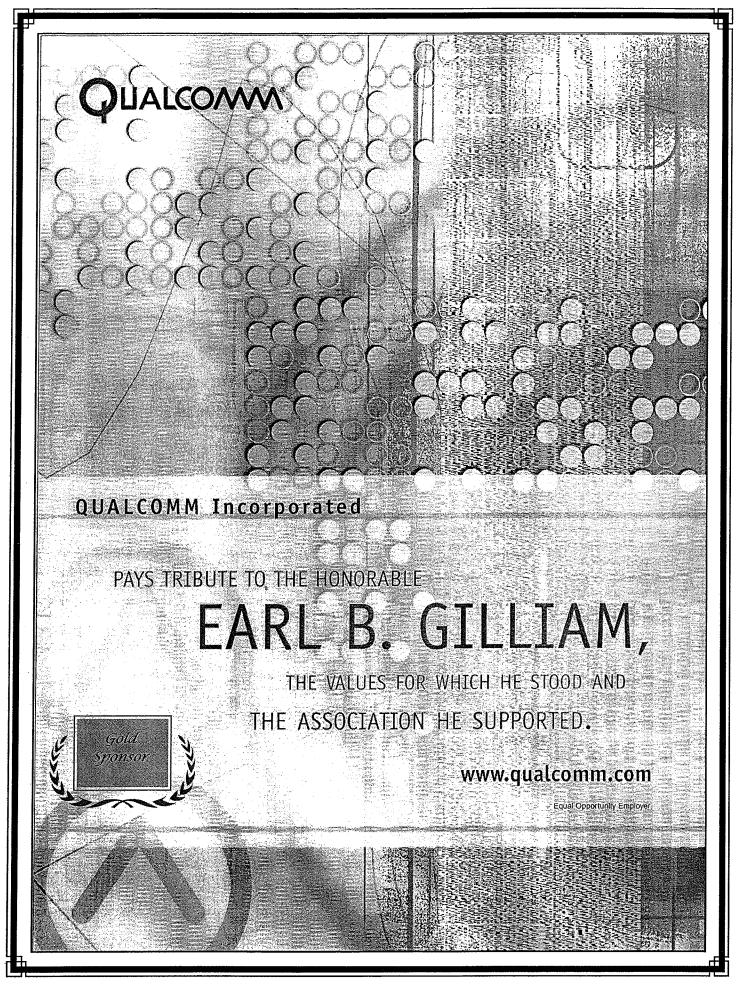
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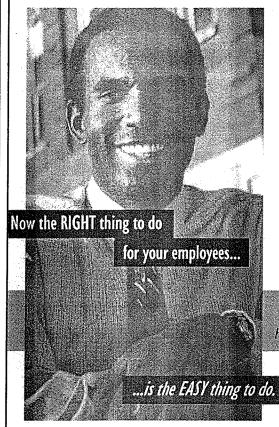
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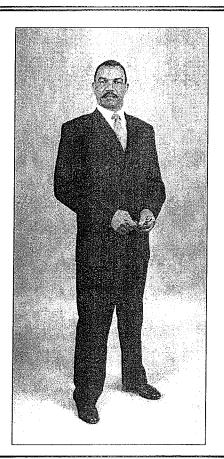
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