To: Hon. Victor E. Bianchini

From: Deputy Mayor George Stevens
City of San Diego

Re: Article on Judge Earl B. Gilliam in San Diego Lawyer Magazine

Date: March 8, 2001

Thank you for contacting me regarding my memories and reflections of the late Judge Earl B. Gilliam. Attached are two anecdotes on Judge Gilliam. I appreciate the opportunity to share these with you. If you need any further information, please contact my Press Secretary, Jennifer Bates, at (619) 236-6701.

The Honorable Earl B. Gilliam was my schoolmate, Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity brother, and dear friend. I was honored to have had the opportunity to propose Judge Gilliam's appointment to the Municipal Court during a private meeting with Governor Pat Brown. The meeting was held to address the lack of representation of African American Judges in San Diego. After a struggle with the Governor, as well as others seeking the appointment, the Governor yielded and appointed Judge Gilliam.

My most memorable occasion of Judge Earl B. Gilliam was one Saturday at Mountain View Park when he got in an argument about the law with a former "Jailhouse and Street Lawyer" who "stripped the Judge of his robe" on arguing the law.

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COMMENTS:

Hi Vic,

I understand that you can't guarantee that my little ditty about Earl will make its way into the commemorative article. You have my personal gratitude for spearheading this very appropriate gesture. Here is one of my favorite printable stories about E.B.G.

When I was appointed to the Municipal Court, my personal friend and mentor, Earl, had already been elevated to the Superior court. To insure my successful transition to the Bench, Earl asked his old Muni Court crony, Bob Cooney, to be my Papa Judge (Advisor Judge). In a father to son manner Earl instructed me to take counsel from Bob and follow his example on how to conduct myself during my workday on the bench. Earl cautioned me with a smile and chuckle that neither he nor Bob should be used as a model of how I should conduct myself after my workday on the bench.

Thanks,
Joe O. Littlejohn