

JUDGE EARL BEN GILLIAM'S RESPONSE TO  
INFORMATION REQUEST BY THE FEDERATION  
OF WOMEN LAWYERS' JUDICIAL SCREENING PANEL

1. School Integration Task Force

Approximately 1964 and 1965 I worked with a task force for school integration here in San Diego. The responsibility of the task force was to determine if all the schools in the city were providing equal educational opportunities for all children. A comparison was made between those schools in the minority areas and those schools in the majority areas.

The findings of the task force ultimately resulted in a lawsuit being filed in the Superior Court of San Diego County, to wit, Kari Carlin, et al. v. Board of Education of the San Diego Unified School District (Case #303800). This is our local equal education case.

Please contact Judge Byron F. Lindsley, San Diego County Superior Court, 220 West Broadway, San Diego, California, 92101, (714)236-4727, who served as chairman of said task force.

2. Ad Hoc Committee For The American Bar Association To Encourage Minorities To Attend Law School

Approximately 1966 the American Bar and law schools wanted to encourage minorities to enroll in law schools and study law. Judge Byron F. Lindsley and I worked with Joseph Sinclitico (formerly dean of the University of San Diego School of Law, presently at the University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, Washington) and initiated this program in the San Diego area.

The first year the program was in existence we were able to enroll two Chicano (Mexican) males, one black female and two black males in the program. Three of the five finished law school and one is now a Judge of the Municipal Court, San Diego Judicial District. I refer you to Judge Napoleon A. Jones, Jr., Municipal Court of the San Diego Judicial District, 220 West Broadway, San Diego, California, 92101, (714)236-2571, and Judge Byron F. Lindsley.

3. N.A.A.C.P.

I was formerly a member of the Board of Directors and chaired committees of the local branch of the N.A.A.C.P. I also served on the legal advisory committee of our local branch, and I am now a member. Persons who you may contact are Hartwell Ragsdale, Anderson-Ragsdale Mortuary, 5050 Federal Boulevard, San Diego, California 92102, (714)263-3141, and Alpha L. Montgomery, Esq., 1007 Fifth Avenue, Suite 408, San Diego, California, 92101, (714)239-9475.

4. Urban League of San Diego

In the past I have served on the Board of Directors of the local branch of the Urban League. You may contact Clarence Pendleton at the Urban League, 4261 Market Street, San Diego, California, 92102, (714)263-3115.

5. C.R.C.

This was an organization which existed in San Diego in approximately 1963 to 1965. A group of minorities organized C.R.C., and our purpose was to foster relationships between the minorities in the City of San Diego. I helped organize this organization and served on the Board of Directors, and, further, donated office space for the organization. You may contact Charles H. Hammond, D.D.S., 47 North Euclid Avenue, National City, California, 92050, (714)262-7577.

6. University of California at San Diego

During the years 1966, 1967 and 1968 I taught at the Third College of the above-mentioned school. Roger S. Ruffin, Esq. (retired San Diego Superior Court judge, now practicing law at 111 Pine Street, Suite 1600, San Francisco, California, 94111, (415)397-0860) and I set up a series of classes wherein we taught students the appreciation of the law. Most of my students were black, Mexican, women and poor caucasians who were attending the university. The purpose of the course I taught was to explore the relationship of the law to groups such as women, minorities and homosexuals. Persons who are familiar with the program are Dr. Joseph W. Watson, Provost of the Third College, University of California at San Diego, La Jolla, California, 92093, (714)452-4002, and Lynn A. Schenk, Advisor to the Governor of the State of California, Office of the Governor, Sacramento, California, 95814, (916)445-1915.

7. Western State University College of Law of San Diego

Since approximately 1968 to the present I have been a part-time instructor at Western State. During said time, I have been active in encouraging and setting up programs to recruit and increase the number of women and minorities who attend this school. I have also encouraged and served on the committee to give scholarships to minorities and women who attend this school, and I have actively participated in a tutoring program directed to minority students to help them remain in school. This program is known as the Minority Assistance Program (MAP).

I consider myself a prime mover and motivator in getting the school to adopt the policy and program and to encourage women to participate and include them in the minority aid programs. References: Burton Reese, Patricia Brown and Joanna Mills, Western State University College of Law of San Diego, 1333 Front Street, San Diego, California, 92101, (714)231-0300.

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