

*Judicial Council  
of the  
National Bar Association*

*31st Annual Meeting*

*2nd Annual Thurgood Marshall Judicial Awards Luncheon*

*Theme:*

**"Capturing the Community's Confidence:  
Creating Community Outreach"**

**Luncheon Speaker  
Honorable Dennis Archer**

**The Honorable Cecil B. Patterson, Jr.  
Chairperson, Judicial Council  
National Bar Association**

**San Francisco Hilton Hotel  
San Francisco, CA**

**Wednesday, July 31, 2002  
12:00 Noon**



# Judicial Council Officers

2001-2002



## CHAIR

The Honorable  
Cecil B. Patterson, Jr.  
*Judge, Arizona Court of  
Appeals  
Phoenix, Arizona*



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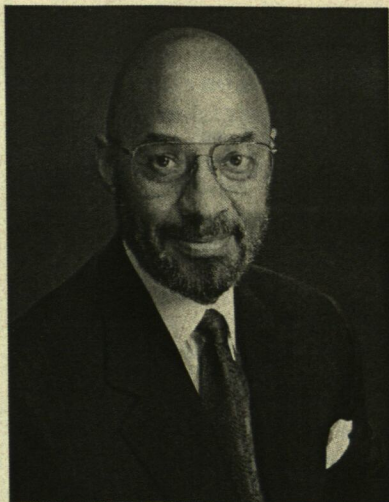
Honorable Ramona Roberts  
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*Torrance, CA*



## Dennis W. Archer



**Dennis W. Archer** returned to Dickinson Wright as Chairman on January 1, 2002. Previously, Dennis Archer served an eight-year term as Mayor of Detroit. He has earned national and international respect for his success of changing Detroit's image and direction.

He received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from Western Michigan University in 1965, and from 1965 to 1970 taught learning disabled students at Duffield and Bunche Elementary Schools in Detroit Public Schools. He earned a JD from Detroit College of Law in 1970.

After earning his law degree, he worked as a trial lawyer for several Detroit law firms, including Dickinson Wright. He served as Associate Professor of the Detroit College of Law and Adjunct Professor of Wayne State University Law School. In 1985, Governor James Blanchard appointed Dennis Archer Associate Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court.

Mr. Archer is a member of the Board of Governors of the American Bar Association and is currently unopposed in his bid to be President of the American Bar Association. He is also a member of the Advisory Board of the Brookings Institution Center on Urban and Metropolitan Policy.

He was president of the Wolverine Bar Association in 1979-1980, the National Bar Association in 1983-1984, and the State Bar of Michigan in 1984-1985. He is a Life Member of the Fellows of the American Bar Association and the National Bar Association, a Fellow of the International Society of Barristers, and Life Member of the Sixth Circuit Judicial Conference.

He was named Public Official of the Year in 2002 by *Governing* magazine. He received an Award of Excellence and was named 1998 Newsmaker of the Year by *Engineering News-Record* magazine, a sister publication of *Business Week* magazine. He has been named one of the twenty-five most dynamic mayors in America by *Newsweek* magazine, one of the 100 Most Influential Black Americans by *Ebony* magazine, and one of the 100 Most Powerful Attorneys in the United States by the *National Law Journal*.

Under Mr. Archer's leadership, Detroit's crime rate declined each year of his administration. He improved city services with an unprecedented investment in employee training, high-technology equipment, and a labor-management partnership that emphasizes continual process improvement. Mr. Archer completed the conversion to a new garbage collection system; introduced a new computer system to greatly reduce administrative paperwork; and initiated fundamental improvements in Detroit's neighborhoods.



## **Judicial Council in Review 2001-2002**

**Judge Cecil B. Patterson, Jr., Chairperson**

As the 2001-2002 business year comes to a close, it occasions reflection on our activities, motivation, interests, and a solid review of whether within those spheres we approximated, met, or exceeded our goals and objectives. To the extent that we worked hard to achieve them, we have had a rather successful year. High rates of volunteer participation have continued with our membership remaining available to enhance the total offerings of our organization. On balance, the Judicial Council is strong, with a very viable hearty, diverse, creative, active membership and leaders prepared to take it to ever greater heights.

The September 11<sup>th</sup> occurrences brought about a temporary set back for the Council as it did for the country in general. There was a period of searching for meaning, looking at existence, and trying to determine what, if anything, went wrong. Nonetheless, when we were able to console each other and realize that it **was** something which we could and would overcome, we did, and have resumed our march towards "Equal Justice For All." Our re-connection with the community continued and sustains our effort at involvement with the places from which we come.

Our community outreach program under the very able and motivated leadership of Judge Mary Maxell-Thomas has flourished this year. At the Wiley Branton Seminar in Denver, Colorado, she and Judge "Bo" Patterson lead a tremendous effort at reaching some of the local youth so that our interaction with them would be meaningful. It occurred, and we saw the product of our efforts.

Our efforts continued in Anguilla and on St. Maarten at the Mid-Winter Meeting. There, we interacted with some of the local youth and again had a tremendous reception and impact.

Our programmatic offerings this year, led by Judge Cynthia Stephens have been superb. The Mid-Winter programs provided vital information focusing on accounting/ money management for judges, ethics concerns, and how it impacts a matter when the judge is Black. All are topics of utmost import to Black Judges. Many of our membership are challenged annually in one or more of these arenas. Continuing the educational process for awareness of these critical areas was vital.

The Annual Meeting offers some of the same. The "Cameras in the Courtroom" presentation focuses upon another of those critical arenas. We are precluded from responding in the press to accusations and misconceptions of our proceedings and positions while sitting as judges. Cameras have arrived in the courtroom to open our proceedings. How do we properly handle this conundrum? It is not easy and we will explore some of the options. Another critical area is election for judges. The "playing field" is not level, disadvantaging Black judges in far more circumstances than not. Again, an exploration of options will be



pursued at the Annual Meeting. The remaining programs for the summer will address emerging trends in the law—changes to Federal Rule 23 and the New Jury Rules.

Our Law Extern Program has blossomed to a real "showcase" undertaking by the Judicial Council under the very capable leadership of Judge Doris Smith-Ribner. With the acquisition of the \$50,000 grant from CLEO, we have the stability necessary to expand the program to a number of jurisdictions beyond the pilot program of the last two years. The funds have been instrumental in assisting Black students to pursue their goals of developing higher degrees of competence working with members of federal and state judiciaries so that after law school they have a reasonable chance at clerkships. Continued success is anticipated because of the dedication of the committee leadership, its members, as well as the very talented pool of Black students from which to draw.

As we move along, however, there has to be a recognition of the changes occurring with and to the Judicial Council. We must not be reluctant to make changes in approaches, structure, financial underwriting and expenditures, programmatic offerings, and the detail of how we customarily do business. A new day has arrived and for most part we have not adjusted to its rigors.

One of the new adventures on which the Judicial Council has embarked is a sponsorship program with Lexus-Nexus. Thanks to the tremendous undertakings of Judge Patricia Banks, a strategic alliance has been formed with Lexus-Nexus. This year the arrangement will underwrite the Judicial Council's Opening Program as well as one of the seminars—the New Jury Rules program. They also have proposed that monies be available for an essay contest among the judges where our members will be able to compose an essay on an issue and submit it to the Council. The winner would get an award sufficient to underwrite part of the trip expenses to the Annual Meeting. Details will be worked out by my successor administration. This kind of funding, along with Judge Harriett Murphy's efforts with Dell Computers and Barrister's Spouses member, Barbara Steele, with Pro-line, portend the future for us. Reliance upon the dues structure and support from the N.B.A. more generally for the bulk of our programmatic financial support appears to be a relic from far more prosperous days. We shall survive, and in superlative shape, however.

Thanks an awful lot for your support this year! It has truly been my pleasure to serve you as Chair.



**JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF  
THE NATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION**

**31<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL MEETING**

**2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL THURGOOD MARSHALL JUDICIAL AWARDS LUNCHEON**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 2002  
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**

**THEME: "Capturing the Community's Confidence:  
Creating Community Outreach"**

**Mistress of Ceremony** ..... Hon. Haile Alford  
Wilmington, DE

**Processional/Introduction of Dais and Past Chairs** ..... Hon. Haile Alford

**Post the Colors** .....

**Invocation** ..... Rev. Douglass Fitch  
Glide Memorial Methodist Church

**Black National Anthem** ..... Sala Burton High School Chorus  
Conducted by Gregor Cole

**Greetings/Remarks** ..... Hon. Gordon Baranco  
Superior Court, Alameda County  
Oakland, CA

Michael Rosier, President  
National Bar Association  
Washington, D.C

**Introduction of The Chair** ..... Hon. Haile Alford

**Chair's Epilogue** ..... Hon. Cecil B. Patterson, Jr.  
Chairperson, Judicial Council  
Phoenix, AZ

**~LUNCH IS SERVED~**

**Introduction of Luncheon Speaker** ..... Hon. Sylvia A. James  
Immediate Past Chair, Judicial Council  
Inkster, MI

**Luncheon Speaker** ..... Hon. Dennis Archer  
President Elect, American Bar Association  
Detroit, MI



**Musical Selection** ..... Sala Burton High School Chorus  
Conducted by Gregor Cole

**Presenters of Awards** ..... Hon. Craig S. Strong  
Judge, Wayne County Circuit Court  
Detroit, MI

Hon. Gregory Smith  
Judge, Court of Common Pleas  
Philadelphia, PA

Hon. Patricia Banks  
Judge, Circuit Court of Cook County  
Chicago, IL

Hon. Bonnie Jones  
Judge, District Court  
Hampton, VA

Hon. Patrice Hinnant  
Judge, District Court  
Greensboro, NC

**31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Acknowledgments** ..... Hon. Cecil B. Patterson, Jr.  
2001-2002 Chair, Judicial Council

**Installation of Officers & Chairperson** ..... Hon. Gay-Lloyd Lott  
Chair, Illinois Judicial Council  
Chancery Div., Circuit Court  
Cook County, IL

**Charge of the Incoming Chair** ..... Hon. Patricia Banks  
2002-2003 Chairperson, Judicial Council  
Circuit Court of Cook County  
Chicago, IL

**Benediction** ..... Rev. Douglass Fitch  
Glide Memorial Methodist Church

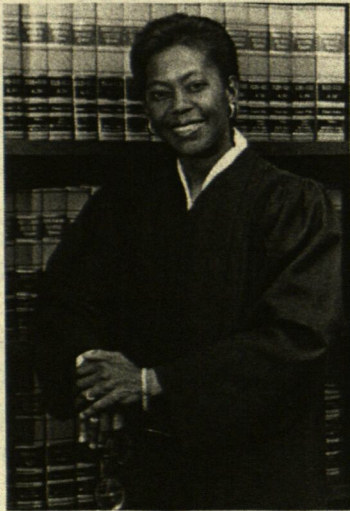
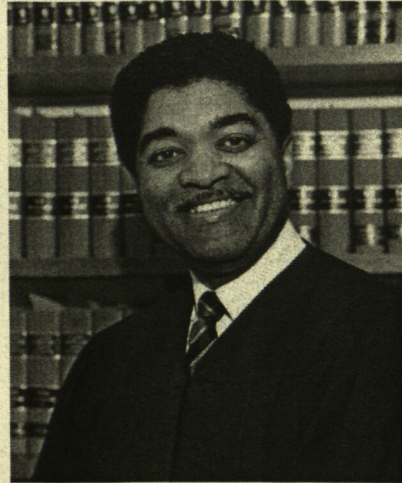


# 31st ANNIVERSARY 2002 AWARDEES

## **The William H. Hastie Award**

**The Honorable Timothy C. Evans**  
Chief Judge, Circuit Court  
Cook County, Illinois

This award is named for the late Judge William H. Hastie, United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He was the keynote speaker for the Founding Congress of the Judicial Council in Atlanta, Georgia in August, 1971. The Hastie Award is the Council's highest award accorded for excellence in legal and judicial scholarship and untiring commitment to justice under law.



## **The Raymond Pace Alexander Award**

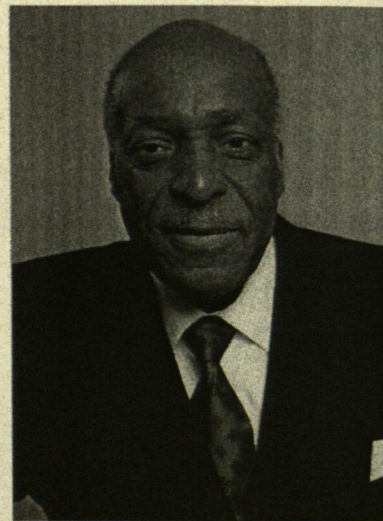
**The Honorable Doris A. Smith-Ribner**  
Judge, Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

This award is named for the late Judge Raymond Pace Alexander, founding member of the Judicial Council who served as an outstanding judge of the Court of Common Pleas in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This award is given for contributions to judicial advocacy and to humanity.

## **The Thurgood Marshall Award**

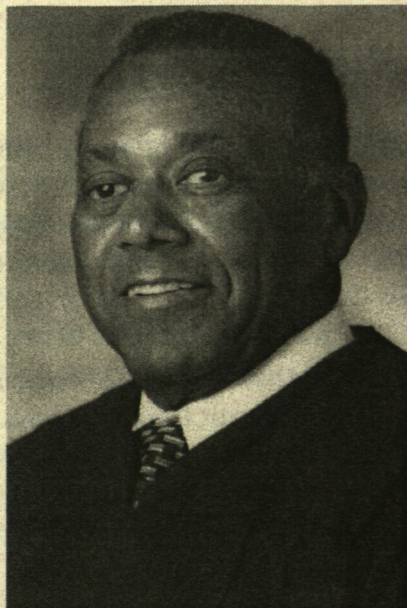
**The Honorable Nathaniel R. Jones**  
Senior Counsel  
Blank Rome Comisky & McCauley, LLP

This award is named for the late Justice Thurgood Marshall, the first African American to sit on the United States Supreme Court and the jurist in whose honor this luncheon has been re-named. This award is given for extraordinary commitment and personal contributions to the advancement of civil rights and also for being a role model for members of our Country's bench and bar.





# Chairperson's Awards



**2002 Humanitarian Award**  
Honorable Earl Gilliam (Posthumously)

## Special Chair Awards

Robert L. Harris, Esq.  
Hon. Gordon Baranco  
Hon. George Logan, III  
Hon. Harriet Murphy  
Hon. Cynthia D. Stephens  
Hon. Ramona Roberts  
Hon. Adolpho A. Birch, Jr.  
Hon. Haile Alford

# Distinguished Service Awards

**Hon. Mary Maxwell-Thomas**  
Chicago, IL

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Alameda, CA

**Hon. Charles H. Williams, Jr.**  
St. Paul, MN

**Hon. Z. Mae Jimison**  
Indianapolis, IN

**Hon. Gregory Smith**  
Philadelphia, PA

**Hon. Lillian Harris Ransom**  
Philadelphia, PA

**Hon. John Braxton**  
Philadelphia, PA

**Hon. Benjamin Travis (Retired)**  
Oakland, CA



# Biographies of Awardees

## HONORABLE TIMOTHY C. EVANS

As Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County in the State of Illinois, Honorable Timothy C. Evans is the administrator of the largest unified court system in the world where an estimated 2.4 million cases are filed each year. Chief Judge Evans oversees approximately 400 judges serving within the court's eight divisions and six districts, more than 3,000 employees; and an annual budget of \$187 million.

Judge Evans was elected as Chief Judge in September 2001 by unanimous vote of the circuit judges. Only the fourth person to serve as chief judge in the Circuit Court of Cook county, he also is the first African American to serve in the position.

Evans is a 1965 graduate of the University of Illinois. He received his J.D. from The John Marshall Law School, Chicago, Illinois, in 1969.

Upon graduation from John Marshall, Evans embarked on a lifelong pursuit of public service. His entry into local city government came in 1969, when he joined the City of Chicago's Law Department as an assistant corporation counsel. He later joined the City of Chicago's Department of Investigations, where he rose to Deputy Commissioner. In 1973, he was elected to the Chicago City Council representing the 4th Ward, a position he was to hold for the next eighteen years while continuing to maintain a private practice.

With the election of Harold Washington as mayor of Chicago in 1983, Evans made the transition from opposition leader in the City Council to the coveted post of floor leader. He also chaired several major City Council committees, including Finance, Budget, and Health.

In 1992, Evans won election to the Cook County judiciary as a circuit judge. Within three years of joining the court, he was appointed the presiding judge of the Domestic Relations Division. Five years later, in 2000, he was appointed the presiding judge of the Law Division where he served until his election as Chief Judge of the Circuit Court.

During his tenure as chief judge, Judge Evans has expanded court services to children with innovative programming that provides a safe haven for children whose parents or guardians are attending court. He places great emphasis on expanding opportunities for women and minorities at the court's executive management level, appointing the first Hispanic American as presiding judge of the Fourth Municipal District, and the first woman as presiding judge of the prestigious Chancery Division. Judge Evans has also spearheaded the renewed call for a state of the art court facility for victims of domestic violence.



# Biographies of Awardees

## **The Honorable Doris A. Smith-Ribner**

Judge Doris A. Smith-Ribner is a Judge on the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania. She attended the University of Pittsburgh, where she obtained a B.S. Degree in Economics and received her J.D. Law Degree in 1972. Judge Smith-Ribner is a resident of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and maintains the home office of her Court Chambers in Philadelphia. The Headquarters for Commonwealth Court is located in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Her court admissions include the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas; Pennsylvania Supreme Court; U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania; United States Court of Appeals, Third Circuit; and the Ohio Supreme Court.

Judge Smith-Ribner was elected in 1987 to a ten-year term on the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania, a statewide appeals court (jurisdiction is original and appellate and covers, among other things, lawsuits involving state and local governments). She won her retention election in November 1997, for a second ten-year term, commencing in January 1998. Judge Smith-Ribner served as secretary of the Commonwealth Court for several years.

Judge Smith-Ribner was nominated in 1984 by Governor Richard Thornburgh to the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, located in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Her nomination received unanimous confirmation by the Pennsylvania Senate. She served an interim term as Judge in Juvenile Court and returned to her law practice in January 1986, and remained there until her statewide run for Commonwealth Court.

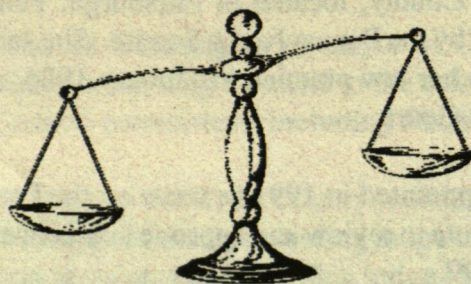
Judge Smith-Ribner was appointed in 1991 to serve on the Pennsylvania Judicial Auditing Agency (an agency created by statute to review and approve audits of all state court spending). She was elected as Chairperson in 1999.

Prior to holding judicial office, Judge Smith-Ribner was engaged in a successful law practice in Allegheny County for over twelve years (state and federal court/civil and criminal litigation). She served as Solicitor for five years to the Allegheny County Controller from 1980-1984 and litigated various cases on behalf of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission by gubernatorial appointments from Governor Milton Shapp and Governor Thornburgh in 1974 and 1980. She also served five years as a member of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court Disciplinary Board Hearing Committee, conducting attorney professional-responsibility proceedings. She served the last two years as Chairperson.



Judge Smith-Ribner has served on various boards and held membership in professional associations, including but not limited to, Warner Cable of Pittsburgh, a subsidiary of Warner Communications, New York, New York. Judge Smith-Ribner served as trustee for sixteen civic, charitable and religious organizations that owned twenty percent of Warner Cable stock. In 2000, the University of Pittsburgh Chancellor re-appointed Judge Smith-Ribner to serve another term on the Board of Visitors of the University's Law School. In 2000, Judge Smith-Ribner was appointed by the Judicial Council of the National Bar Association as National Chair of the Council's Law Clerk Committee to implement the national Judicial Externship Program that she developed. Her professional memberships include the National Bar Association, American Bar Association, and Pennsylvania Bar Association.

Judge Smith-Ribner has received numerous civic, community, educational, and professional awards, including but not limited to: National Bar Association Judicial Council's "Distinguished Service Award" 2001; University of Pittsburgh Alumni Society "1999 Distinguished Alumni Award"; Pennsylvania Bar Association, First "Chairman's Independent Jurist Award" (Minority Lawyers Division); National Bar Association Women's Division, "President's Award"; Induction into the 1996 Women Pioneers' Hall of Fame by the South West Belmont Community Association; the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., "Citizen of the Year Award"; University of Pittsburgh School of Law, "Outstanding Alumna Award/Class of '72"; Philadelphia Martin Luther King, Jr. Association for Nonviolence, Inc. "Drum Major for Social Justice Award"; Berean Presbyterian Church "Humanitarian Award"; Women Police of Western Pennsylvania "Decade of Achievement Award"; and Friends Indeed, Inc. "Big Sister of the Year Award".





# Biographies of Awardees

## **The Honorable Nathaniel R. Jones**

The Honorable Nathaniel R. Jones was born in Youngstown, Ohio and attended the public schools there. After service in the United States Air Force in World War II, he was educated at Youngstown State University, receiving his A.B. in 1951 and his L.L.B. in 1956. He was admitted to the Ohio Bar in 1957.

From 1956 to 1959, he was Executive Director of the Fair Employment Practices Commission of the City of Youngstown. A year after entering the private practice of law, he was appointed as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio in Cleveland. In 1967, he served as Assistant General Counsel to President Lyndon Johnson's National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders, also known as the Kerner Commission. In 1969, Judge Jones was invited to assume the responsibility as General Counsel of the NAACP. He held that position from 1969 to 1979.

On May 17, 1979, at a White House ceremony, President Carter announced his intention to appoint Nathaniel Jones to the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. He took his oath of office on October 15, 1979.

Following his recent retirement from the Sixth Circuit, Judge Jones currently holds a position as Senior Counsel with Blank Rome Cominsky & McCauley LLP. He participates in a variety of activities and serves as co-chairman of the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, and chair of the Cincinnati Youth Collaborative. He has taught at several law schools throughout the United States and is the holder of sixteen honorary degrees.

An internationally renowned civil rights activist, Judge Jones personally consulted Nelson Mandela and played an important role in furthering the abolition of apartheid in South Africa. Judge Jones was consulted by the drafters of South Africa's new constitution and laws.

Judge Jones has authored numerous articles and papers and has been the recipient of many honors and awards. Several of his most recent awards include: the prestigious 2002 Professionalism Award for the Sixth Circuit by the American Inns of Court; the 2001 Lincoln Award from Northern Kentucky University; a Distinguished Service Citation from the National Award from the United States Department of State in May 2000; the Millennium International Volunteer Award from the United States Department of State in March 2000, and in February 1997, he was recognized by the Chamber of Commerce as one of the "Great Living Cincinnatians."

Judge Jones is married to the former Lillian Hawthorne and has four children, three of whom are lawyers and one an Atlanta educator.



# Biographies of Awardees

## The Honorable Earl B. Gilliam

Judge Gilliam's many years of distinguished service to the legal community began in 1957 when, having just graduated from Hastings College of Law, he was admitted to the California Bar and appointed Deputy District Attorney for the County of San Diego. In 1961, he started his own general law practice. Two years later, Judge Gilliam was appointed to the Municipal Court, becoming the first African American to sit on the San Diego bench. He was elected Presiding Judge in 1971. Governor Jerry Brown elevated Judge Gilliam to the Superior Court in 1975 and, five years later, President Jimmy Carter appointed him to serve on the United States District Court for the Southern District of California.

Thomas Jefferson School of Law recruited Judge Gilliam as an adjunct professor in 1969, the year the school opened in San Diego as Western State University College of Law. With a combined background in business administration, economics, civil and criminal law, and trial practice, Judge Gilliam proved to be an inspiration and devoted instructor for the Contracts, Torts, Criminal Law, Trusts, Community Property, and Trial Practice courses he taught over the years. In 1995, the school's moot courtroom was formally dedicated in his honor.

Judge Gilliam generously gave time and effort to his community in countless ways. He served on the boards of numerous civic, professional, and private organizations, including the YMCA, the Urban League, the Salvation Army, Western State University, Kind Corporation, and the University of California at San Diego. The community, in turn, repeatedly acknowledged his contributions. He was named "Young Man of the Year" by the San Diego Junior Commerce in 1965, and "Golden Man of the Year" by the Boy's Club of San Diego in 1981. That same year, he was named the recipient of the prestigious San Diego Trial Lawyers Association's "Trial Judge of the Year" award. In 1982, San Diego's African American Lawyer's Organization honored him by changing its name to the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association. Judge Gilliam was named "Legal Professional of the Year" in 1994 by the City Club and Chamber of Commerce. In 1995, Judge Gilliam earned the Sharp Hospital Foundation's "Eagle Spirit Award" and the NAACP's "Civil Rights Pioneer Award."

In December 1993, Judge Gilliam entered Stanford University for heart surgery. Complications arose during surgery, necessitating more surgery and six months of hospitalization. The ordeal left him in a wheelchair, paralyzed from the chest down, and on kidney dialysis for life, but it did not dampen his zest for life and his love for the law.



## Past Chairs

Judge George W. Crockett, Jr. (Deceased)	1971-1972	Detroit, MI
Judge Joseph C. Howard	1972-1973	Baltimore, MD
Judge Lloyd O. Brown (Deceased)	1973-1974	Cleveland, OH
Judge Robert N.C. Nix, Jr.	1974-1975	Philadelphia, PA
Judge Sara J. Harper	1975-1976	Cleveland, OH
Judge Glenn T. Johnson	1976-1977	Chicago, IL
Judge Theodore R. Newman, Jr. (Retired)	1977-1978	Washington, DC
Judge Horace T. Ward (Senior Judge)	1978-1979	Atlanta, GA
Judge Russell R. DeBow (Deceased)	1979-1980	Chicago, IL
Judge Eugene W. Sharpe (Deceased)	1980-1981	New York, NY
Judge Alice A. Bonner (Retired)	1981-1982	Houston, TX
Judge H. T. Lockhard (Retired)	1982-1983	Memphis, TN
Judge Revius O. Ortique, Jr. (Retired)	1983-1984	New Orleans, LA
Judge Jack Tanner (Senior Judge)	1984-1985	Tacoma, WA
Judge Charles W. Fleming (Deceased)	1985-1986	Cleveland, OH
Judge Thelma Wyatt Cummings Moore	1986-1987	Atlanta, GA
Judge Joyce London Alexander	1987-1988	Boston, MA
Judge Howard E. Bell	1988-1989	New York, NY
Judge William S. Thompson (Deceased)	1989-1990	Washington, DC
Judge Veronica Simmons-McBeth	1990-1991	Los Angeles, CA
Judge Webster L. Brewer	1991-1992	Indianapolis, IN
Judge John L. Braxton	1992-1993	Philadelphia, PA
Judge Richard Scott	1993-1994	Austin, TX
Judge Benjamin H. Logan	1994-1995	Grand Rapids, MI
Judge William Cousins, Jr.	1995-1996	Chicago, IL
Judge Renee Jones Weeks	1996-1997	Newark, NJ
Judge Bernette Johnson	1997-1998	New Orleans, LA
Judge Shelvin Louise Marie Hall	1998-1999	Chicago, IL
Judge Morris L. Overstreet	1999-2000	Austin, TX
Judge Sylvia A. James	2000-2001	Inkster, MI



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