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Governor Edmund G. Brown
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Governor Edmund G. Brown today appointed Earl Ben Gilliam, 32-year-old San Diego attorney, to the San Diego Municipal Court.

He takes a post created by the Legislature at its 1963 session.

"Mr. Gilliam's experience both as a public prosecutor and as a private defense counsel will stand him in good stead in this important position," the governor said.

"I am pleased to be able to make this appointment to one so well qualified and I know Mr. Gilliam will distinguish himself as a fair and impartial jurist," he said.

A native of Clovis, N.M., Gilliam grew up in San Diego. He attended Logan and Stockton elementary schools in San Diego and Memorial Junior High School and San Diego High School.

He was graduated from San Diego State College with a bachelor of arts degree in business administration and economics. He took his bachelor of laws degree from Hastings College of law at the University of California at Berkeley.

From 1957 to 1961, he served as a deputy district attorney of San Diego County.

In June of 1961 he opened his own law offices. He is a member of the San Diego County Juveniles Justice Commission.

He is a member of the San Diego County Bar, the County Barrister's Club, and the American Judicature Society.

He is a Democrat. He and his wife, the former Barbara Jean Crawford, have two sons. The family home is at 4571 Borner Street, San Diego.

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