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**Deputy City Attorney Charles Edward Bell Elected
President of Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association**
Organization promotes diversity in legal community and access to justice

San Diego, CA: Deputy City Attorney Charles Edward Bell has been elected President of the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association. The Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association is a local non-profit organization that focuses on promoting diversity in the legal profession and access to justice for African-American members of the San Diego community.

The non-profit organization is named after the first African-American to serve on the federal bench, Judge Earl B. Gilliam. Their mission statement expresses a commitment 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.”

In 2004, Charles Bell received a Bachelor of Arts degree from California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo, California. In 2007, he earned a Juris Doctor degree from California Western School of Law in San Diego, California. From 2008 until this year, he worked as an associate attorney in the civil litigation law firm of McCarthy & Holthus, LLP where he managed a heavy contract and real property litigation caseload. In July 2014, Charles Bell was hired as a Deputy City Attorney for the City of San Diego, assigned to the Special Litigation Unit in the City Attorney’s Civil Litigation Division.

Charles Bell stated: “I am honored by the opportunity to serve as the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association’s President and further its commitment to the diversity, mentorship and service to the community.”

City Attorney Jan Goldsmith stated: **“I am pleased that one of our newest Deputies will be serving as President of the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association.”** He added, **“We are privileged to have a civil litigator of Charles Bell’s caliber at the City Attorney’s Office and fully support his efforts to further the progress of African-American attorneys, judges, law professors and students in the San Diego community.”**

Charles Bell will be inducted as President of the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association at their 38th Annual Awards & Scholarship Dinner on Saturday, November 8, 2014 at the Westin Gaslamp Quarter. For more information, please go to the organization’s website: <http://earlbgilliambar.org/currentevent/>.

EDITORS: A photo of Charles Edward Bell is attached for your use

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