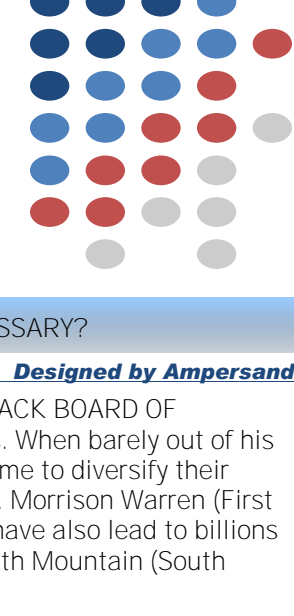


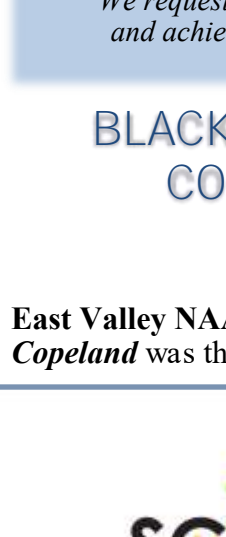
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TO ACHIEVE THE BLACK ECONOMIC DREAM: IS A CULTURAL SHIFT NECESSARY?

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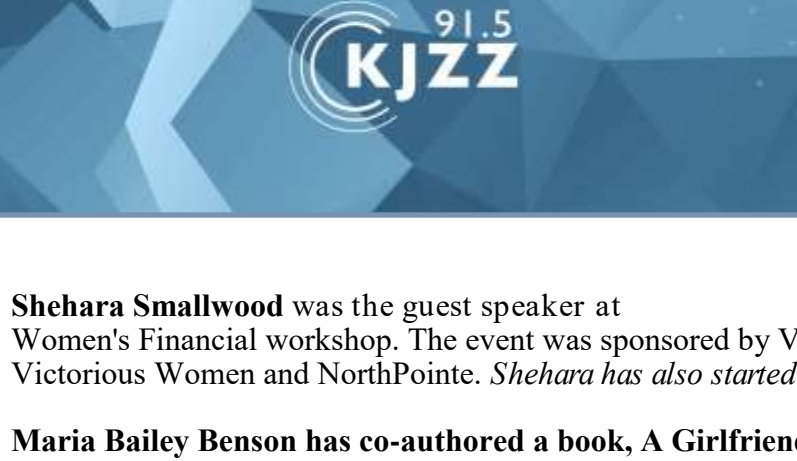
About the Publisher: MARVIN E. PERRY, President and Founder of the BLACK BOARD OF DIRECTORS PROJECT has had tremendous positive influence in many areas. When barely out of his 20s, he was able to influence the three largest commercial banks at that time to diversify their boards of directors: namely, George Evans (Valley National Bank Board), Dr. Morrison Ward (First National Bank Board) and Ronnie Lopez (Arizona Bank Board). His efforts have also led to billions of dollars in loans being made in underserved areas in Arizona, such as South Mountain (South Phoenix) and to minority owned businesses.

We request BBOD Project members and alumni to keep us informed of personal and professional changes and achievements in your life. This includes promotions, births, anniversaries, vacations, social events, degrees, major transitions of close family members and awards.

BLACK BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS BUILDING GREAT COMMUNITIES AND REAPING ABUNDANT REWARDS

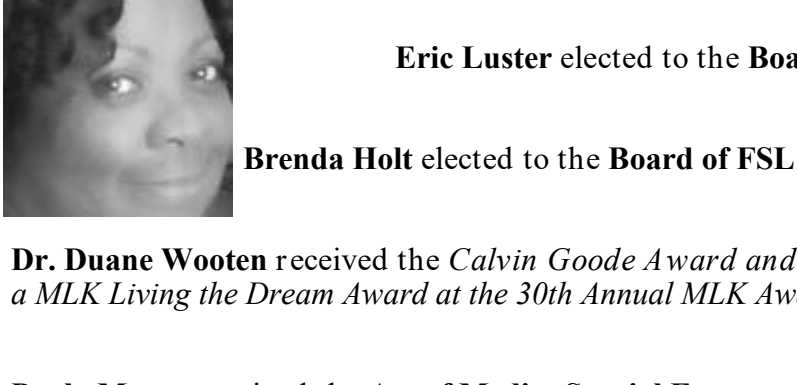
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East Valley NAACP recognized Erica Alexander, Albert McHenry, and Stanley Silas. Angela Copeland was the organization's 2016 banquet chair.

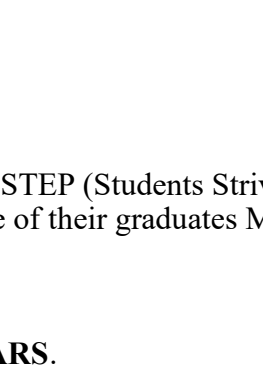
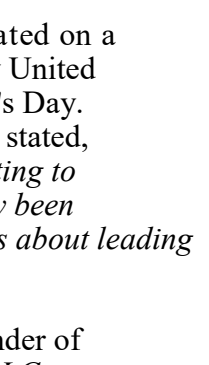


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The White House Council on Women and Girls selected ASU Associate Professor Kimberly Scott to lead an initiative to increase minority females in STEM.



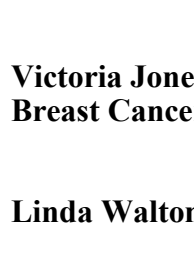
James Monroe Named CEO of University of Illinois Foundation

Ray LaStrape is the owner of a ALL About People Staffing Franchise in Houston, Texas.

Kimulet Winzer participated on a panel discussion at Wesley United Methodist Church Women's Day. Among her comments, she stated, "Often we spend time reacting to decisions that have already been made... Civic engagement is about leading and not following."

Shehara Smallwood was the guest speaker at Women's Financial workshop. The event was sponsored by Victoria Jones, President and Founder of Victorious Women and NorthPointe. Shehara has also started her own business, Your Story, LLC.

Maria Bailey Benson has co-authored a book, A Girlfriend's Guide to Social Media.

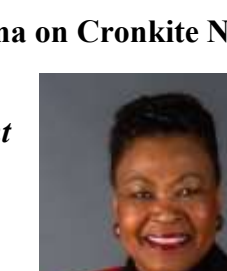


Christopher Houk has joined the Law Firm of Gillespie, Shields and Durrant.

Karen Hardin, who started the organization STEP (Students Striving Towards Excellent Performance), announced that one of their graduates Malcolm Temple has been accepted at Harvard University.

Bob Young and his wife attended DANCING WITH THE STARS.

Gordon Lewis, Partner, Jones, Skelton, and Hochuli has been named, the 2017 Lawyer of the Year for Education Law in Phoenix by BEST LAWYERS and selected as one of the BEST LAWYERS in America 2017 in the area of education law and employment.



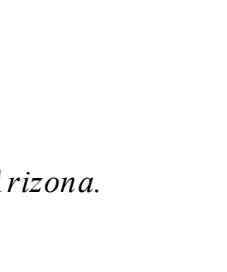
Denise Meridith attended the Arcadia Parkside opening in the Arizona Club.

Keith Killough elected to the Transportation Research Board Policy Study Committee.



Eric Luster elected to the Board of Waymark Gardens

Brenda Holt elected to the Board of FSL



Dr. Duane Wooten received the Calvin Goode Award and Marchelle Franklin, a MLK Living the Dream Award at the 30th Annual MLK Awards.

Paula Moore received the Art of Media: Special Engagement Award at the 11th Annual Living History Awards Program presented by the Phoenix Chapter of the Links: Phoenix Chapter of Jack and Jill: and Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity Phoenix Chapter, Gamma Mu.

Regina Ponder was a guest on the radio program, hosted by the Prostate Cancer Foundation.

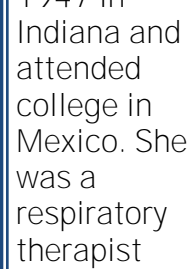
Victoria Jones sponsored a workshop with the Blacks Against Breast Cancer and Susan G. Komen Foundation.

Linda Walton started an organization, Celebration of Women

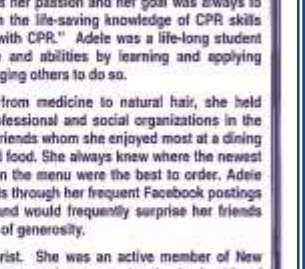
The 2016 State of Arizona recognized Chris Crockett, Ginger Spencer and Kenja Hassan.

Kerwin Brown & Clarence McAllister discussed black owned businesses in Arizona on Cronkite News

Chuck Kelly and Tyrone Benson are two of the founders of REAP (Real Engagement Through Active Philanthropy).



Wanda F. Moore received The Henry Quinto Award from the Tucson Urban League in recognition of her community service.



Winifred "Winnie" Scott has been named the discipline department chair at Zayed University.

Christine HJima Hall received the Award of Appreciation from the State Bar of Arizona.

Kimberly A. Scott was included in the First Edition of Celebration of Women.

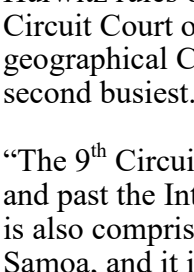
Clarence McAllister's company, Fortis Networks received a major contract from Tinker Field Air Force Base.



Loretta Cheeks, founder, Strong TIES, was invite to a White House Summit on United States Women.



Dr. Dana Jamison has been elected to the Board of Arizona Humanities Council.



Erica Alexander is a co-founder of Crayon Box Consulting which is a catalyst for



Zachary Scott retired from UPS.

Dr. Patricia Bennett has joined the faculty at Midwestern University College of Veterinary Medicine.

Tamika Curry Smith recently joined Mercedes Benz USA as Head of Diversity and Inclusion.

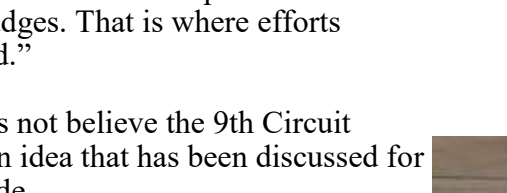
IN MEMORIAM

.... Adele

James home coming was July 4, 2016. She was born February 5, 1947 in Indiana and attended college in Mexico. She was a respiratory therapist and very active in her church and community.

Celebrating the Life of Adele James

February 5, 1947 - July 4, 2016



(Sweetiepie5206@gmail.com)

To the One Who Lifts Up My Head
Have Another Great Day
Adele

A Life of Purpose and Passion

The early life of Adele began in the midwestern state of Indiana on February 5, 1947. She was a 198 graduate of Franklin Community High School and attended college in the country of Mexico. She has lived in several states over the years, but finally settled in her beloved Phoenix, Arizona.

As a respiratory therapist and Maricopa Community College instructor by profession, Adele always made herself available to assist anyone in need of medical attention whether providing immediate emergency care or by just sitting with a patient in the hospital bed and holding their hand. She made many long hours when the night shift was the only one who was available to provide care. She was always interested in the needs of others who were ill and saddened that she could not be with them in the hospital bed when the night shift was the only one who was available to provide care. She was always interested in the needs of others who were ill and saddened that she could not be with them in the hospital bed when the night shift was the only one who was available to provide care.

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Adele was a baptized believer in Jesus Christ. She was an active member of New Beginnings Fellowship of Mesa, Arizona for several years under the leadership of Pastors Tommy and Nancy Reynolds.

As a very active and dedicated member of First Institutional Baptist Church for more than 25 years, Adele served wholeheartedly in numerous capacities—always looking for ways to help and assist those in need and to enhance PRC. She served her Pastor, Dr. Warren H. Stewart, Sr. (and his family) and was especially attentive to his needs for the church and the community. She was a member of the following organizations: Charles Crane Medical Ministry, Maricopa County Ministry, Women's Ministry, United Methodist Church, and the Phoenix Chapter of the National Black Leadership Initiative Project. She was also a member of the Phoenix Chapter of the National Black Leadership Initiative Project. She was also a member of the Phoenix Chapter of the National Black Leadership Initiative Project.

She had a partner, a grandfather and most importantly and eternally, a child of the King. "We will miss her deeply and cherish her memory."

US APPELLATE JUDGE ANDREW HURWITZ SPEAKS AT BBOD PROJECT ADVANCED LEADERSHIP BREAKFAST

Hurwitz Article
By Jodi Weisberg, MS, JD

Shark fin soup, immigration cases, and bloggers rights, are just a few of the issues Judge Andrew Hurwitz rules on. As one of 29 judges on the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, he sits on the largest geographical Circuit Court in the country, and the second busiest.

"The 9th Circuit extends from Alaska to Arizona and past the International Date Line," he said. "It is also comprised of Hawaii, Guam, and America Samoa, and it is the only Circuit to televise its oral arguments."

Hurwitz was nominated by President Obama, and his confirmation to the Court in 2012. Prior to his confirmation, he was a Justice on the Arizona Supreme Court.

Hurwitz's sense of humor, calm demeanor, and keen intellect, assured the Black Board of Directors' audience that court systems, at all levels, are working well, despite the political, judicial, and societal turmoil of this election year. As a believer in merit selection for judges in Arizona, he says the Arizona Supreme Court does not need to be enlarged from five to seven judges. "The Arizona Supreme Court works well with five judges, because the Arizona Court of Appeals is so good," he said. "It is the Superior Courts that need more judges. That is where efforts should be focused."

Hurwitz also does not believe the 9th Circuit should be split; an idea that has been discussed for more than a decade.

"The splitting of the Circuit was originally politically motivated by those in the Northwest, who thought the Circuit was too liberal," he said. "Now Gov. Ducey is saying it's too busy, so it should be split to lessen the work load. However, the state of California makes splitting the 9th Circuit difficult. It has 50% of the judges, and generates 75% of the cases.

"If a split were to occur, Arizona should stay with California, because we do a lot of business with them. So it that were to happen, I'm not sure it would lessen the caseloads," he said. "And, if Arizona were to split off from California, it actually would result in the Circuit being more Democratic in political makeup."

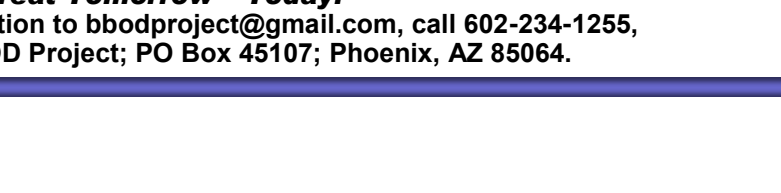
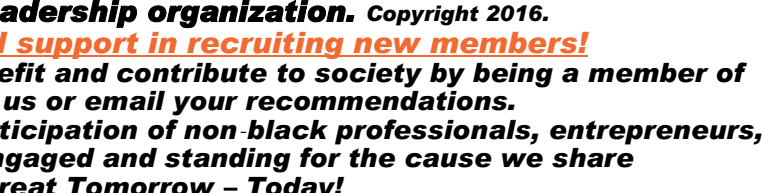
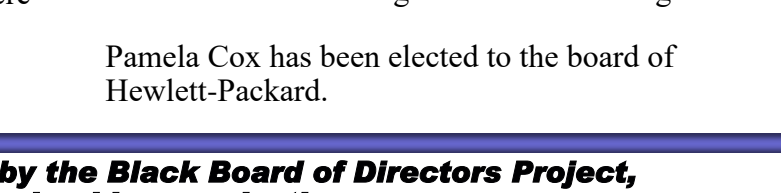
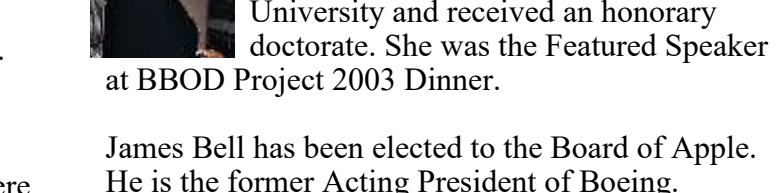
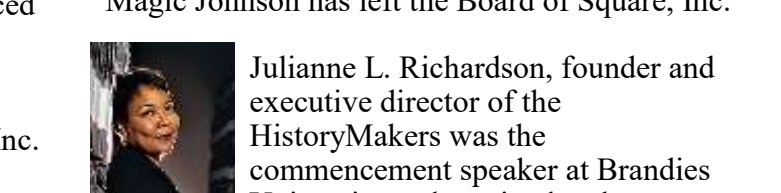
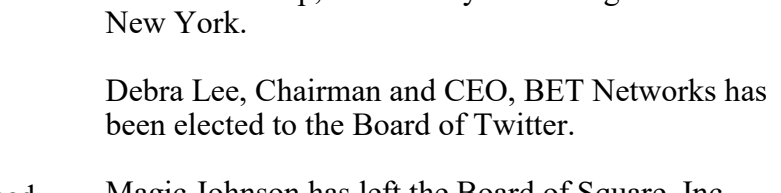
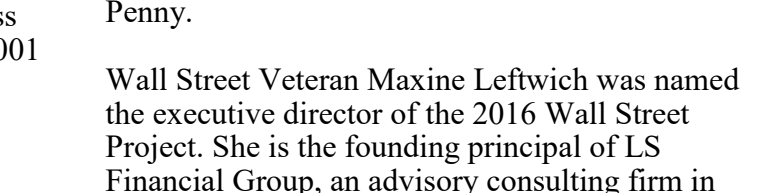
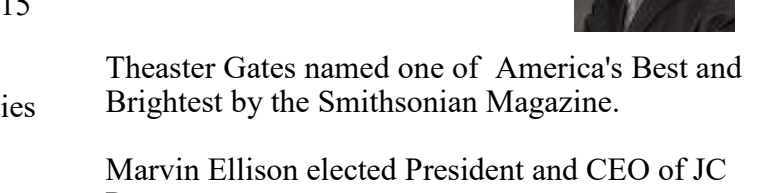
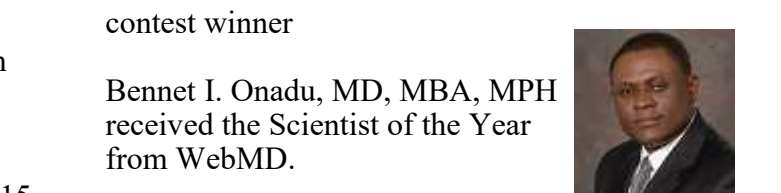
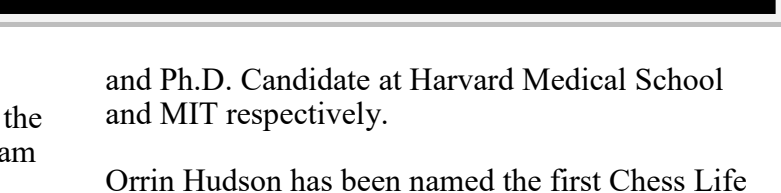
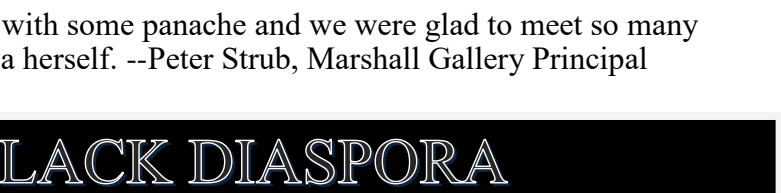
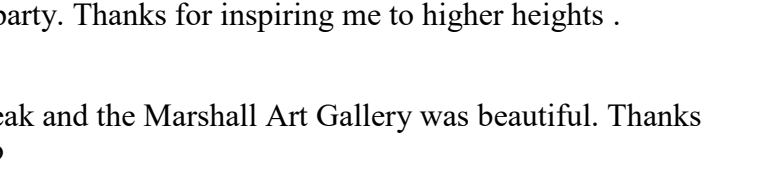
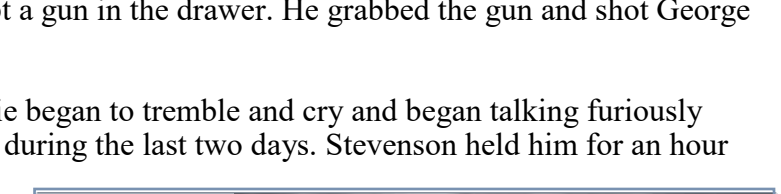
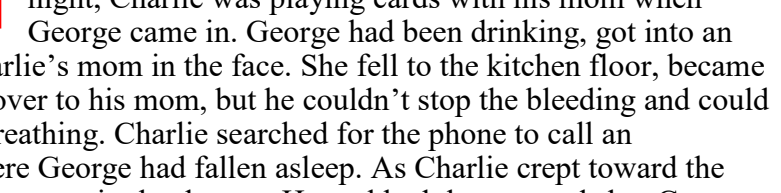
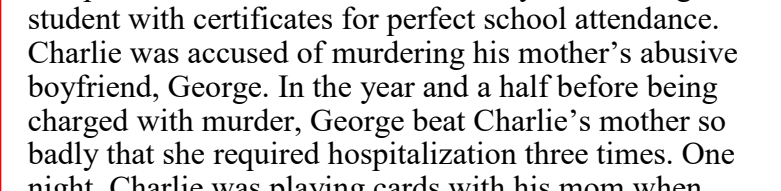
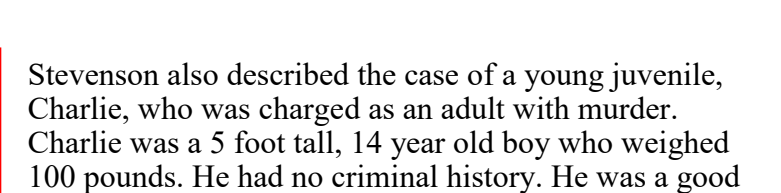
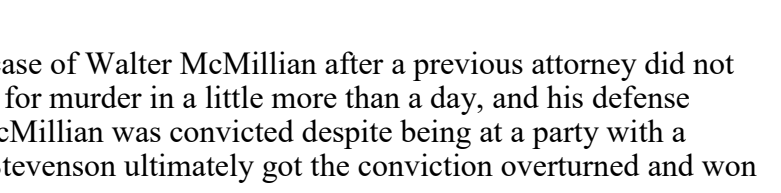
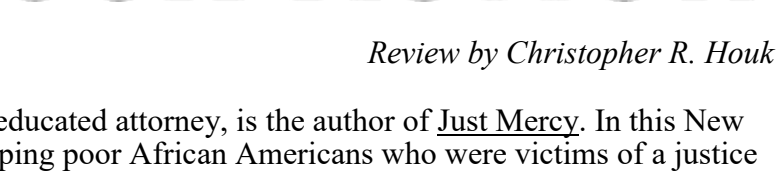
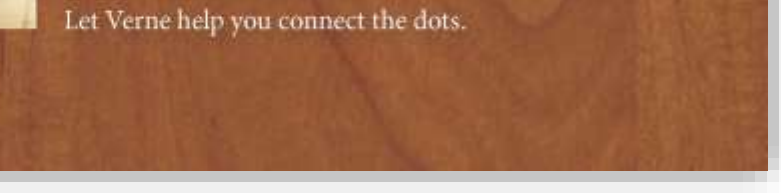
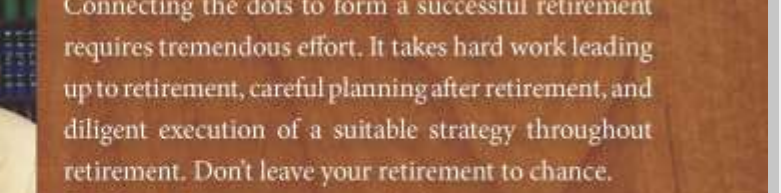
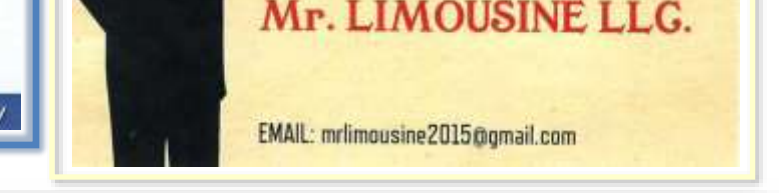
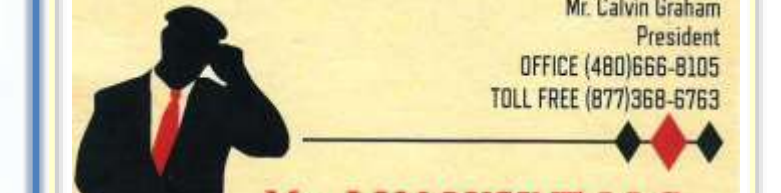
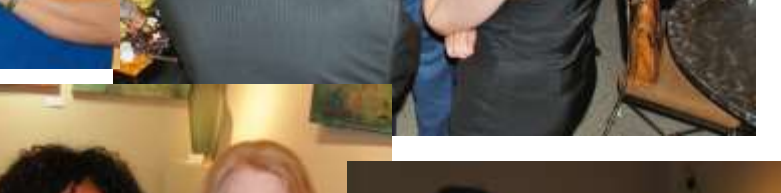
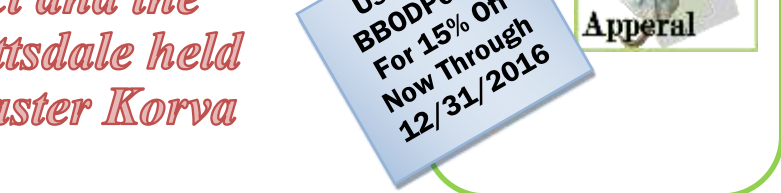
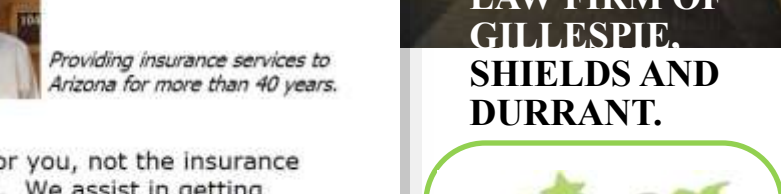
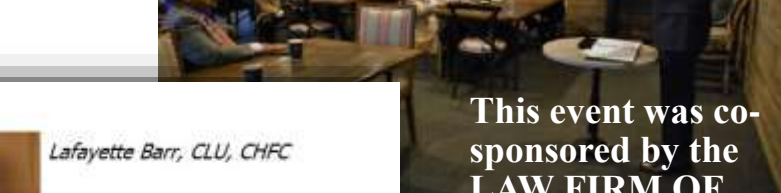
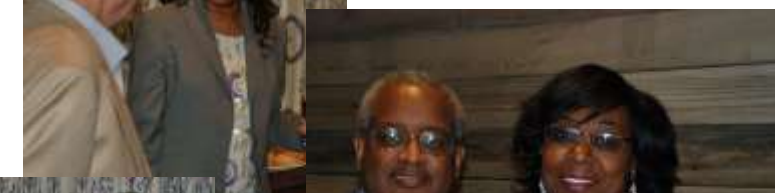
But for Hurwitz, it is not the politics or ideology of a judge that concerns him. "If one relies on the political process, with some oversight, the courts will work fine," he said. "The most important factors for me are to work with judges who are smart, honest and collegial circuits."

Because the 9th Circuit is based in San Francisco, most people in the city where they reside. Although, he does a lot of traveling, Hurwitz is in town often, and enjoys seeing his colleagues, and even attending a rock concert.

"I was singing with Bruce Springsteen just seven hours before coming here" he joked. "No, I wasn't on stage with him, I was in the balcony singing along! It was a great concert!"

Civicsment!

March 17, 2016 BBOD Project Members and guests had the unique opportunity to hear a very informative lecture by JUDGE ANDREW HURWITZ, US Ninth Circuit Appellate Court.



Just Mercy

by Bryan Stevenson

Book Review

Review by Christopher R. Houk

Bryan Stevenson, an African-American, Harvard-educated attorney, is the author of Just Mercy. In this New York Times bestseller, Stevenson writes about helping poor African Americans who were victims of a justice system that failed them.

In the book, Stevenson described taking over the case of Walter McMillian after a previous attorney did not provide an adequate defense. McMillian was tried for murder in a little more than a day, and his defense counsel was only paid \$1,000 to represent him. McMillian was convicted despite being at a party with a multitude of witnesses at the time of the murder. Stevenson ultimately got the conviction overturned and won McMillian's release.

Stevenson also described the case of a young juvenile, Charlie, who was charged as an adult with murder. Charlie was a 5 foot tall, 14 year old boy who weighed 100 pounds. He had no criminal history. He was a good student with certificates for perfect school attendance. Charlie was accused of murdering his mother's abusive boyfriend, George. In the year and a half before being charged with murder, George beat Charlie's mother so badly that she required hospitalization three times. One night, Charlie was playing cards with his mom when George came in. George had been drinking, got into the car, Charlie was in the back seat, and the kitchen floor, became unconscious and started bleeding. Charlie rushed over to his mom, but he couldn't stop the bleeding and, because not nurse her. He feared his mother had stopped breathing. Charlie searched for the phone to call an ambulance, but the phone was in the bedroom where George had fallen asleep. As Charlie crept toward the phone next to George, he remembered George kept a gun in the drawer. He grabbed the gun and shot George dead.

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Stevenson has won relief for dozens of clients who were accused of crimes. He founded the Equal Justice Initiative (EJI) in Montgomery, Alabama that provides legal representation to people who were unjustly accused of crimes. Many of EJI's clients are poor African Americans who are on death row. Stevenson has argued five cases in the US Supreme Court. In addition to his work at EJI, Stevenson is a law professor at New York University School of Law. He has also given a highly popular TED talk on legal injustice.

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