



Hugh W. Goodwin
1921-2004

Judge Goodwin received his B.A. Degree in political science from Howard University in Washington, D.C. and his J.D. Degree from Harvard University Law School at a time when very few African-Americans considered entering the legal profession. Judge Goodwin was admitted to the practice of law in California in June, 1949 and opened a private practice in Fresno, specializing in discrimination suits. Judge Goodwin was the first African-American attorney and the first African-American judge in Fresno County.

Judge Goodwin joined the Fresno County Public Defender's Office in 1952 and gained a reputation as a formidable, but very fair, trial attorney. He stayed at the Public Defender's Office for over two decades.

Judge Goodwin was appointed to the Fresno Municipal Court in 1976 by then Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr., and during his tenure he presided over a variety of important cases, showing sensitivity and caring in his judgments.

Following his retirement from the bench, he again went into private practice in Fresno, specializing in criminal defense until his retirement from the practice of law in 1996.



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Hugh Goodwin Bar Scholarship Application

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Hugh Goodwin Bar Scholarship

\$5,000 (in tuition)



The Hugh W. Goodwin Bar Association

In the 1990's, in recognition of his outstanding and trailblazing service to the legal community, the Black Lawyers Association of Fresno changed its name to the Hugh W. Goodwin Bar Association, an affiliate of the California Association of Black Lawyers.

The Hugh W. Goodwin Bar Association (HGBA) encourages fairness and equity in the administration of justice, educational outreach to the community about the law and the legal process and community service – all in honor of the Honorable Hugh W. Goodwin.

As an applicant, you are required to meet the following qualifications to be considered for this scholarship:

- Submit an application to SJCL and be deemed admissible by the SJCL Admission Committee.
- Have an established record of community service.
- Self-identify as a member of a racial or ethnic group which is underrepresented in the legal profession.

The HGBS is a tuition Reduction Scholarship only, which can only be applied to the applicant's first year of law school at SJCL. Fifty-percent of the Tuition Reduction Scholarship shall be applied to each of the first two semesters. It may not be transferred to another person or institution, and there is no refund if the winner leaves SJCL either due to withdrawal or being academically disqualified. The deadline to accept the HGBS is 30 days after it is offered. Only one Goodwin Scholarship will be awarded each year to the best-qualified candidate.

Application

First Name _____
(Please Print)

Last Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Email _____

Please select with which of the following you identify:

- African American/Black
- Asian American/Pacific Islander
- Hispanic/Latino
- Native American/American Indian
- Other: _____

Please attach the following items to this application (applications will not be considered without these attachments):

- A resume demonstrating an established record of community service.
- An essay (no more than 500 words) explaining why you are interested in practicing law in the Valley.

Applications must be submitted
no later than June 30 to:

San Joaquin College of Law
c/o Goodwin Scholarship Committee
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