

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Delano Stewart

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Stewart, Delano, 1935-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Delano Stewart,
Dates:	September 10, 2018
Bulk Dates:	2018
Physical Description:	8 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:31:37).
Abstract:	Lawyer Delano Stewart (1935 -) was the first African American assistant public defender in Hillsborough County, where he also ran a successful law firm for fifty years. Stewart was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on September 10, 2018, in Tampa, Florida. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2018_183
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Lawyer Delano Stewart was born on November 9, 1935 in Tampa, Florida to Beatrice Hill Stewart and Garland V. Stewart. He went on to earn his B.A degree in political science at his father's alma mater, Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia. From there, he attended Howard University School of Law in Washington, D.C., during which time he attended the March on Washington in 1963. He also served in the U.S. Air Force. Upon graduating in 1964, Stewart returned to Tampa, Florida, where he became the first African American board member for the Hillsborough County Young Democrats.

After graduating from Howard's Law School, Stewart returned to Tampa to enter private practice with Francisco Rodriguez and S.J. Kenneth Rogers. Stewart also became the first African American Assistant Public Defender for the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit in Hillsborough County. Stewart expanded his law practice to add fellow Howard Law graduate George Edgecomb and Arthenia Joyner, the first African American female to practice law in Hillsborough County. Edgecomb became Tampa's first African American assistant state attorney and county court judge. The local George Edgecomb Bar Association bears his name and awards the Delano Stewart Diversity Award annually. In 1970, Stewart became the first attorney to head an integrated law firm in Florida. His civil rights and activist clients included Otha Favors (Askia Muhammad Aquil) and Connie Tucker. In 1967, Stewart played a critical role when the riots in Tampa ensued after the shooting of teenager Martin Chambers by a white police officer. After fifty years of practicing law, Stewart retired in 2015.

Stewart had a stellar career as a criminal and civil trial lawyer. He served as the first president of the George Edgecomb Bar Association from 1982 to 1983. Stewart was elected as the first African American on the Hillsborough County Bar Association Board of Directors. He continued his community and political activism by running for the Florida House of Representatives in 1966 and Tampa City Council in 1970. Undeterred by these unsuccessful races, he continued to spend his Saturdays registering African American voters. Stewart is a Founder of the Tampa Organization of Black Affairs (1980), and the first African American member of the Rough Riders civic organization, of which he is a life member. He is also a member of the National Bar Association's Hall of

Fame.

Stewart is married to Carolyn House Stewart, who was the first African American female assistant state's attorney in Hillsborough County. He has six daughters, eight grandchildren, and one great grandson.

Delano Stewart was interviewed *The HistoryMakers* on September 10, 2018.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Delano Stewart was conducted by Larry Crowe on September 10, 2018, in Tampa, Florida, and was recorded on 8 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Lawyer Delano Stewart (1935 -) was the first African American assistant public defender in Hillsborough County, where he also ran a successful law firm for fifty years.

Restrictions

Restrictions on Access

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Related Material

Information about the administrative functions involved in scheduling, researching, and producing the interview, as well as correspondence with the interview subject is stored electronically both on The HistoryMakers® server and in two databases maintained by The HistoryMakers®, though this information is not included in this finding aid.

Controlled Access Terms

This interview collection is indexed under the following controlled access subject terms.

Persons:

Stewart, Delano, 1935-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Stewart, Delano, 1935- --Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Lawyer

HistoryMakers® Category:

LawMakers

Administrative Information

Custodial History

Interview footage was recorded by The HistoryMakers®. All rights to the interview have been transferred to The HistoryMakers® by the interview subject through a signed interview release form. Signed interview release forms have been deposited with Jenner & Block, LLP, Chicago.

Preferred Citation

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Processing Information

This interview collection was processed and encoded on 5/30/2023 by The HistoryMakers® staff. The finding aid was created adhering to the following standards: DACS, AACR2, and the Oral History Cataloging Manual (Matters 1995).

Other Finding Aid

A Microsoft Access contact database and a FileMaker Pro tracking database, both maintained by The HistoryMakers®, keep track of the administrative functions involved in scheduling, researching, and producing the interview.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series I: Original Interview Footage

Video Oral History Interview with Delano Stewart, Section A2018_183_001_001, TRT: 1:33:36 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Delano Stewart, Section A2018_183_001_002, TRT: 2:30:56 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Delano Stewart, Section A2018_183_001_003, TRT: 3:28:37 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Delano Stewart, Section A2018_183_001_004, TRT: 4:27:51 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Delano Stewart, Section A2018_183_001_005, TRT: 5:30:54 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Delano Stewart, Section A2018_183_001_006, TRT: 6:29:47 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Delano Stewart, Section A2018_183_001_007, TRT: 7:19:34 ?

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