

# Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Reynaldo Glover

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## Overview of the Collection

<b>Repository:</b>	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
<b>Creator:</b>	Glover, Reynaldo, 1943-2007
<b>Title:</b>	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Reynaldo Glover,
<b>Dates:</b>	February 27, 2003
<b>Bulk Dates:</b>	2003
<b>Physical Description:</b>	6 Betacame SP videocassettes (2:37:56).
<b>Abstract:</b>	Corporate chief executive and corporate general counsel Reynaldo Glover (1943 - 2007 ) was president of TLC-LC and has been counsel to Beatrice and Piper Rudnick. Glover was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on February 27, 2003, in Chicago, Illinois. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
<b>Identification:</b>	A2003_035
<b>Language:</b>	The interview and records are in English.

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## Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Attorney Reynaldo P. Glover was born in Chicago, Illinois, on March 2, 1943, the second of six children. After graduating from high school, Glover went to Nashville, Tennessee, to attend Fisk University. In 1965, he enrolled in Harvard Law School, earning an LL.B. degree in 1968.

One of the galvanizing moments in Glover's life came in 1965, while taking the Selective Service exam, when the examiner refused to believe that Glover was attending Harvard University. Glover realized that no amount of education that he had could dissuade some people from their prejudices. Following his graduation,

Glover went to work for the Law Students Civil Rights Research Council, where he became the national executive director. By 1976, Glover had left New York for Chicago, and was a general partner at the law firm of Isham, Lincoln & Beale, where he remained until 1987. He left to become a partner at Jenner & Block, and in 1991 joined the firm of Miller, Shakman, Hamilton. He became counsel to Piper Rudnick. Glover left Miller, Shakman, Hamilton in 1994 and became vice president and general counsel to TLC Beatrice International Holdings in New York, and in 1999 became president of the renamed TLC-LC.

Under the leadership of Glover, TLC-LC saw substantial profit growth, and he was responsible for all of the firm's worldwide legal activities. He served as the chairman of the Board of Trustees of the City Colleges of Chicago, was a member of the Economic Club of Chicago and the American Scuba Divers Association. Glover and his wife, Pamela, have four children.

Glover passed away on November 27, 2007 at the age of 64.

Glover was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on February 27, 2003.

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## **Scope and Content**

This life oral history interview with Reynaldo Glover was conducted by Larry Crowe on February 27, 2003, in Chicago, Illinois, and was recorded on 6 Betacame SP videocassettes. Corporate chief executive and corporate general counsel Reynaldo Glover (1943 - 2007 ) was president of TLC-LC and has been counsel to Beatrice and Piper Rudnick.

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## Controlled Access Terms

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

### Persons:

Glover, Reynaldo, 1943-2007

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

### Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Glover, Reynaldo, 1943-2007--Interviews

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## Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

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The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

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Piper Rudnick LLP

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## **Occupations:**

Corporate General Counsel

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## **HistoryMakers® Category:**

LawMakers

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## **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 2/5/2020 by The HistoryMakers® staff. The finding aid was created adhering to the following standards: DACS, AACR2, and the Oral History Cataloging Manual (Matters 1995).

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## **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.

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# Detailed Description of the Collection

## Series I: Original Interview Footage

Video Oral History Interview with Reynaldo Glover, Section  
A2003\_035\_001\_001, TRT: 0:29:51 2003/02/27

Reynaldo Glover was born on March 2, 1943 to Mattie Cora Bullett Glover and Paul Glover in Chicago, Illinois. His mother was born in Shreveport, Louisiana and was a steel worker, seamstress, and tailor who also attended Fisk University. Her father, Clark Bullett, was a general contractor who built homes. They both moved to Chicago in the 1930s. Glover did not know his father well and his parents divorced when he was around ten years old. Around 1956, his grandfather Clark Bullett went bankrupt and Glover's family moved to Gary, Indiana, where Glover attended the all-black Roosevelt High School and Peter's Rock Baptist Church, which his grandfather had built. At school, Glover was mischievous and interested in African American history and athletics. At church, he was kicked out of the choir for not being able to carry a tune.

Video Oral History Interview with Reynaldo Glover, Section  
A2003\_035\_001\_002, TRT: 0:29:35 2003/02/27

Reynaldo Glover's grandfather, Clark Bullett, operated a construction company that went bankrupt around 1956. At that time, Glover's family stopped attending Peter's Rock Baptist Church. At Roosevelt High School, Glover played varsity football and basketball. As a football player, he learned the importance of working hard to stay competitive against more naturally talented players. As a basketball player, Glover was popular in his neighborhood and led his team to the state semi-finals. After graduating from high school in 1961, Glover enrolled at Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee with the intention of receiving a basketball scholarship. However, he discovered that Fisk University did not award athletic scholarships. Glover, however, became the highest scorer in Fisk University's basketball history. As a freshman, Glover's English professor Leslie "Doc" Collins told him that he was not a good enough student for Fisk, which motivated Glover to learn how to study and make the

honor roll.

Video Oral History Interview with Reynaldo Glover, Section  
A2003\_035\_001\_003, TRT: 0:30:45 2003/02/27

Reynaldo Glover attended Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee. There, he was inspired to become a better student by professors like Leslie “Doc” Collins, Aaron Douglas, Theodore Currier, Arna Bontemps, John O. Killens, and HistoryMaker John Hope Franklin. Glover was inspired by the high level of intellectual activity around him, which motivated him to always be learning and growing. After receiving his B.A. degree from Fisk University in 1965, Glover enrolled at Harvard Law School in Cambridge, Massachusetts with two of his other classmates from Fisk. At Harvard Law School, Glover experienced the culture shock of meeting students from much more privileged backgrounds, as well as the stress of the school’s intense competitive atmosphere. He also learned to think analytically like a lawyer. Glover received his LL.B. degree from Harvard Law School in 1968.

Video Oral History Interview with Reynaldo Glover, Section  
A2003\_035\_001\_004, TRT: 0:28:10 2003/02/27

Reynaldo Glover was elected Executive Director of the Law Students Civil Rights Research Council in New York City in 1968. In this position, he traveled in the Deep South and became involved in protests against the Vietnam War where he met activists like Eleanor Holmes Norton, Fannie Lou Hammer, Bill Kunstler, HistoryMaker Vernon Jordan, and Bill Innis. In 1968, Glover attended protests at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago, Illinois, where he was frightened by the image of a police officer hitting a nun. In Bolivar County, Mississippi, Glover witnessed black citizens turning up to vote despite threats from the Ku Klux Klan. After two terms at the Research Council, Glover left New York City and practiced corporate law in Chicago, Illinois at Antonow and Fink; Overton, Schwartz and Yacker; CNA Financial Corporation; Jenner & Block; Miller, Shakman, Hamilton; and Isham, Lincoln, and Beale. In the 1980s, Glover also served as Chairman of the Board of the City Colleges of Chicago.

Video Oral History Interview with Reynaldo Glover, Section  
A2003\_035\_001\_005, TRT: 0:29:46 2003/02/27

Reynaldo Glover became vice president and general counsel of TLC Beatrice International Holdings in 1994 on the recommendation of TLC Beatrice's CEO and Chairman of the Board, Loida Nicolas-Lewis. Nicolas-Lewis had previously worked as Glover's secretary at the Law Students Civil Rights Research Council and Glover was responsible for setting her up with his friend from Harvard Law School, Reginald Lewis, the first African American to build a billion dollar company. Glover became president of the company, renamed TLC-LC, in 1999. Glover reflects upon the lack of economic advances and business partnerships made during the Civil Rights movement. He also shares his views on the importance of black-owned businesses for creating lasting social change and on developing a commercial infrastructure to financially support future generations and African American leaders like HistoryMakers Reverend Jesse Jackson and Reverend Willie Barrow.

Video Oral History Interview with Reynaldo Glover, Section  
A2003\_035\_001\_006, TRT: 0:09:49 2003/02/27

Reynaldo Glover reflects upon how he would like to be remembered and narrates his photographs.