

# Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with James B. Lockhart

PERSON

**Lockhart, James B., 1936-**

**Alternative Names:** James B. Lockhart;

**Life Dates:** May 27, 1936-

**Place of Birth:** New York, New York, USA

**Residence:** Fort Lauderdale, FL

**Work:** Fort Lauderdale, FL

**Occupations:** Corporate Executive

## Biographical Note

James Blakely Lockhart was born in New York City on May 27, 1936. His family moved to South Carolina, where he attended elementary school, and then moved on to North Carolina, where he graduated from the Palmer Memorial Institute in 1954. After high school, Lockhart attended Boston University, earning his B.S. in business administration in 1957. He remained at the school after graduation, earning his J.D. in 1959.

After earning his law degree, Lockhart served in the U.S. Army, achieving the rank of captain and serving as a judge advocate. Following his discharge in 1963, Lockhart went to work for the Treasury Department as an attorney in the office of the chief counsel, where he remained until 1965. That year, he moved to Chicago, where he worked as an assistant corporation counsel to the City of Chicago. In 1967, he joined the law firm of Rivers, Lockhart, Clayter & Lawrence, where he was a partner until 1971. From there, he was hired as senior vice president for Budget Rent A Car. In 1979, when Transamerica Corporation purchased Budget, Lockhart was promoted within Transamerica to vice president of public affairs. He remained there until his retirement in 1998.

Lockhart has received numerous awards throughout his career, and has been involved in organizations across the country. He is the past chair of the Bay Area Urban League, a founder and past chair of the City Club of San Francisco and he is currently the chairman of the social action committee of Sigma Pi Phi fraternity and vice chair of the Boule Foundation.

## Related Entries

**Boston University** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**Bachelor of Science**

**Boston University School of Law** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**J.D.**

**Lockhart School** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**Tomlinson High School** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**Palmer Memorial Institute** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**United States Army** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from 1986 to 1992]

**Judge Advocate**

**United States Treasury Department** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from 196806 to 200308]

**Attorney**

**City of Chicago** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from 1965 to 1967]

**Assistant Corporation Counsel**

**Rivers, Lockhart, Clayter & Lawrence** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from 2002 to 2006]

**Partner**

**Budget Rent-a-Car** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from 2001 to 2004]

**Senior Vice President**

**Transamerica Corporation** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Vice President of Public Affairs**

**Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity (Boule)** [MEMBEROF]  
[from 1983 to 1984]