

# Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Wayne Budd

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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>	Budd, Wayne, 1941-
<b>Title:</b>	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Wayne Budd,
<b>Dates:</b>	April 5, 2006
<b>Bulk Dates:</b>	2006
<b>Physical Description:</b>	5 Betacame SP videocassettes (2:15:30).
<b>Abstract:</b>	Commercial lawyer and presidential appointee Wayne Budd (1941 - ) was senior counsel at Goodwin Proctor, and the first African American to head the Massachusetts Bar Association as president, and at that time, the youngest president of any state bar association, at age thirty-eight. He was also appointed as Associate Attorney General of the United States. Budd was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on April 5, 2006, in Boston, Massachusetts. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
<b>Identification:</b>	A2006_064
<b>Language:</b>	The interview and records are in English.

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## Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Attorney Wayne Anthony Budd was born on November 18, 1941 in Springfield, Massachusetts. Educated in Springfield public schools, Budd graduated from Cathedral High School in 1959. In 1963, he received an A.B. degree cum laude in economics from Boston College. Between 1963 and 1967, he worked in the Industrial Relations Department at Ford Motor Company while attending law school at night. He attended Wayne State University School of Law in Detroit and

received a J.D. degree in 1967.

Following his law school graduation, Budd served as Assistant Corporation Counsel for the City of Boston from 1968 to 1969. During that same time period, he developed a private law practice.

Budd also served as president of the Massachusetts Black Lawyers Association. In 1979, he became the first African American to head the Massachusetts Bar as President and at that time he was the youngest (at age 38) president of any state bar association.

Appointed by President George H.W. Bush in 1992, Budd served as Associate Attorney General of the United States. He oversaw the Civil Rights, Environmental, Tax, Civil and Anti-Trust Divisions at the Department of Justice, as well as the Bureau of Prisons. From 1989 to 1992, he worked as the United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts, serving as the state's chief federal prosecutor and representing the federal government in all matters involving civil litigation. During this time, he was recognized for his efforts in combating drugs, street crime and gang violence. Budd also served as a member of the U.S. Sentencing Commission, appointed to that position in 1994 by President Bill Clinton.

Budd is currently senior counsel in the law firm Goodwin Proctor in Boston, Massachusetts, where he specializes in business and commercial litigation. Budd had previously been a senior partner at Goodwin Proctor from 1993 to 1996.

Prior to rejoining Goodwin Proctor in 2004, Budd served as Senior Executive Vice President and General Counsel at John Hancock Financial Services, where he was responsible for directing all of the company's legal activities as well as overseeing the compliance, human resources, governmental affairs and community relations. Before joining Hancock, Budd was Group President-New England at Bell Atlantic Corporation (now Verizon Communications) where he was responsible for policy, regulatory and legislative functions for the New England states served by Bell Atlantic.

Budd has served numerous government, public service, educational and business entities including serving as Commissioner and Chairman of the Massachusetts Civil Service Commission (1972 – 1989); as a Trustee of Boston College (1980 - 1997); as Director (former Vice—Chair) of the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce; and as a member of the National Board of the American Automobile Association.

Budd is the father of three daughters--Kim, a lawyer, born in 1966; Kristi, a teacher, born in 1968; and Kern, a nurse, born in 1970.

Budd was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on April 5, 2006.

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## Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Wayne Budd was conducted by Robert Hayden on April 5, 2006, in Boston, Massachusetts, and was recorded on 5 Betacame SP videocassettes. Commercial lawyer and presidential appointee Wayne Budd (1941 - ) was senior counsel at Goodwin Proctor, and the first African American to head the Massachusetts Bar Association as president, and at that time, the youngest president of any state bar association, at age thirty-eight. He was also appointed as Associate Attorney General of the United States.

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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.

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# Controlled Access Terms

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

## Persons:

Budd, Wayne, 1941-

Hayden, Robert (Interviewer)

Burghlea, Neculai (Videographer)

## Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Budd, Wayne, 1941---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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United States. Dept. of Justice.

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## Occupations:

Commercial Lawyer

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Presidential Appointee

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## HistoryMakers® Category:

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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 Wayne Budd, Section  
A2006\_064\_001\_001, TRT: 0:30:16 2006/04/05

Wayne Budd was born on November 18, 1941 in Springfield, Massachusetts to Octavia Peters Budd and Joseph Budd. His maternal family escaped from slavery via the Underground Railroad to Greenfield,

Massachusetts, and bought a home where they hosted other escapees. Greenfield's John Putnam Fiddler's Festival was named for Budd's maternal great-great-grandfather, a local orchestra conductor. Budd's maternal grandfather had Native American and Irish ancestry, and worked as a bellhop and machinist, while Budd's mother sang and danced in shows as a young girl. His paternal grandmother, a domestic, was Japanese and Jamaican, and his paternal grandfather worked for the city of Springfield. Budd's father served in the segregated U.S. Navy, and became one of the first African Americans in the U.S. Marine Corps. In 1947, he joined the police force as Springfield's first African American officer. Budd was the oldest of four children, and attended an integrated elementary school led by an African American principal.

Video Oral History Interview with Wayne Budd, Section  
A2006\_064\_001\_002, TRT: 0:29:44 2006/04/05

Wayne Budd grew up in a majority African American neighborhood in Springfield, Massachusetts, where he helped his father and grandfather, with yard work. Budd began his education at Springfield's William N. DeBerry Elementary School. He then attended Buckingham Junior High School, until his family moved to Springfield's Pine Point neighborhood, and he transferred to Myrtle Street Junior High School. Budd was raised Catholic, and went on to Cathedral High School, where he was one of three African Americans. During the summers, he worked on nearby cigar tobacco farms. His father encouraged him to pursue a college education, and Budd aspired to attend the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York. However, in 1959, Budd matriculated at Boston College, where he joined Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and studied economics. He also joined the Reserve Officers Training Corps, but a knee injury prevented him from serving after graduation. Instead, he worked at Ford Motor Company, and studied law at night.

Video Oral History Interview with Wayne Budd, Section  
A2006\_064\_001\_003, TRT: 0:29:49 2006/04/05

Wayne Budd worked at Ford Motor Company's Ford Graduate Training Program, while he earned a degree Wayne State University Law School in Detroit, Michigan.

He returned to Massachusetts to serve as a recruiter for General Electric, and passed the bar exam in 1968. Budd was then hired as assistant corporation counsel to the City of Boston, and also opened a small private practice. He was promoted to serve as the city's assistant attorney general, and began teaching classes at Boston College Law School. With Tom Reilly and Dean Richlin, he founded Budd, Reilly and Richlin, which became New England's largest minority-owned law firm. Budd also worked with the NAACP and the Urban League in Boston; and, in 1979, became the first African American president of the Massachusetts Bar Association. From 1989, he served as the United States attorney for the district of Massachusetts; and, in 1992, was selected as an associate attorney general of the United States, and led the Rodney King investigation.

Video Oral History Interview with Wayne Budd, Section  
A2006\_064\_001\_004, TRT: 0:30:28 2006/04/05

Wayne Budd was chosen by United States Attorney General William P. Barr as an associate attorney general during President George Herbert Walker Bush's final year. When Bush's term ended in 1993, Budd served on the United States Sentencing Commission, and joined Goodwin, Procter and Hoar LLP as a senior partner. Three years later, he became a senior vice president at NYNEX Corporation, and was named a regional president. After four years, Budd joined John Hancock Financial Services Inc. as general counsel. There, he started a pro-bono program and promoted diversity in the legal department. Budd returned to Goodwin Procter LLP in 2004 as senior counsel, and worked part time while also pursuing his hobbies and board obligations to Boston College, The Partnership, Inc. and Wheaton College. His hobbies included squash, reading and earning his pilot's license. He also co-chaired Thomas Reilly's gubernatorial campaign. Budd describes his daughter's law career, as well as his hopes for the citizens of Massachusetts.

Video Oral History Interview with Wayne Budd, Section  
A2006\_064\_001\_005, TRT: 0:15:13 2006/04/05

Wayne Budd reflects upon his successes in his life and career, and shares his regret that he did not spend more

time with his children when they were young. He describes how he would like to be remembered; his hopes and concerns for the African American community; and the importance of history. Budd concludes the interview by narrating his photographs.