

Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with The Honorable Edwin A. Lombard

PERSON

Lombard, Edwin A.

Alternative Names: The Honorable Edwin A. Lombard;

Life Dates: June 11, 1946-

Place of Birth: New Orleans, Louisiana, USA

Residence: New Orleans, LA

Work: New Orleans, LA

Occupations: Judge

Biographical Note

Judge Edwin A. Lombard was born on June 11, 1946 in New Orleans, Louisiana. Lombard graduated from Xavier University Preparatory School in New Orleans, Louisiana in 1964. He was one of the first African Americans admitted to Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana, where he was a Rockefeller Scholar and earned his B.A. degree in 1967. Lombard attended Southern University Law School in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and received his J.D. degree from Loyola University New Orleans College of Law where he was a Roosevelt Fellow, in 1970. He also attended the New York University School of Law Institute for Appellate Judges.

After receiving his B.A. degree, Lombard worked for the “Voter Education Project” as part of its voter registration drive. Following his admission to the Louisiana State Bar in 1973, Lombard was elected to the position of Clerk of the Orleans Parish Criminal District Court. He was one of the youngest African American elected officials in the United States at the time. Soon after, Lombard was selected as the chief election officer for the Orleans Parish, as the first African American to hold this position in the South. Lombard remained in his position on the Orleans Parish Criminal District Court until 2003, when he was elected to the Fourth District Court of Appeals in New Orleans. He was reelected to the position in 2012.

In 2004, Lombard was selected to sit ad hoc on the Louisiana Supreme Court for In Re Ellender case, which was about racial misconduct by Judge Timothy C. Ellender. After the devastation of Hurricane Katrina, he was appointed as Supernumerary Judge pro

tempore of the Criminal District Court for Orleans Parish by the Louisiana Supreme Court to help rebuild. Lombard was also appointed as a member of the Judiciary Commission of Louisiana by the Supreme Court. He also served as president of the National Bar Association's Louisiana Judicial Council, the Algiers-Fischer Community Organization and was a member of the New Orleans Legal Assistance Corporation, and TOTAL Community Action Inc.. In 2012, Lombard was awarded the George W. Crockett, Jr. Lifetime Achievement Award by the National Bar Association.

Edwin A. Lombard was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on May 22, 2017.

Related Entries

[STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Xavier University Preparatory School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Tulane University [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

[STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Loyola University New Orleans [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Secretary of Utilities [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1969 to 1970]

Collins, Douglas and Elie [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1970 to 1971]

Attorney

New Orleans City Attorney's Office [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1970 to 1974]

Attorney

Nelson and Lombard [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1971 to 1975]

Attorney

Criminal District Court [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1974 to 2002]

Clerk of Criminal Court

Southern University [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1974 to 1979]

Instructor

Court of Appeals, Fourth District [EMPLOYEE OF]
[from 2003 to ?]

Judge