

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Elliott S. Hall

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Hall, Elliot S., 1938-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Elliott S. Hall,
Dates:	August 18, 2017
Bulk Dates:	2017
Physical Description:	7 uncompressed MOV digital video files (2:52:54).
Abstract:	Lawyer and corporate executive Elliott S. Hall (1938 -) Hall was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on August 18, 2017, in Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2017_135
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Lawyer and corporate executive Elliott S. Hall was born on May 1, 1938 in Detroit, Michigan. He graduated from Charles E. Chadsey High School in Detroit, Michigan in 1956, and earned his B.A. degree from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan, and later his J.D. degree from Wayne State University School of Law in 1965. Hall began his career practicing law as an associate at Gragg and Gardner, P.C. in 1966. He remained at Gragg and Gardner, P.C. until 1971, when he represented members of the Black Panthers Party. In 1971, with associate Dennis Archer, Hall formed the law firm of Hall, Stone, Allen, Archer and Glen. The following year, he served as president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's Detroit chapter. In 1974, Hall was appointed by Mayor Coleman Young as the first African American corporation counsel for the City of Detroit. He then became the first African American chief assistant prosecutor for Wayne County, Michigan in 1983. Hall served as chief assistant prosecutor until 1985, when he joined the Detroit law firm of Dykema, Gossett, Spencer, Goodnow and Trigg, where he remained until 1987. He then departed from Dykema, Gossett, Spencer, Goodnow and Trigg, and joined the Ford Motor Company as the company's first African American vice president of governmental affairs. Hall remained in that position for a decade and then became the first African American vice president of dealer development at Ford Motor Company. In that role, he was instrumental in the expansion of the Minority and Woman Dealer Network. In 2002, Hall retired from Ford Motor Company and joined the law firm of Dykema Gosset PLLC as a senior partner.

As a community advocate, he served as vice president of the Economic Club of Washington, vice president of the Federal City Council, Treasurer of the Children's Charities Foundation and as a member of the Industry Advisory Board of the Kennedy Institute. He received Human Relations Institute Civic Achievement Award from American Jewish Committee, Distinguished Alumni Award from Wayne State University Law School, the President's Award from the National Bar Association and the President's Award from the Wolverine Bar Association.

Elliott S. Hall was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on August 18, 2017.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Elliott S. Hall was conducted by Harriette Cole on August 18, 2017, in Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, and was recorded on 7 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Lawyer and corporate executive Elliott S. Hall (1938 -)

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:

Hall, Elliot S., 1938-

Cole, Harriette (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Hall, Elliot S., 1938- --Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Lawyer

HistoryMakers® Category:

LawMakers

Administrative Information

Custodial History

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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 Elliott S. Hall, Section A2017_135_001_001, TRT: 1:31:40 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Elliott S. Hall, Section A2017_135_001_002, TRT: 2:27:55 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Elliott S. Hall, Section A2017_135_001_003, TRT: 3:27:18 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Elliott S. Hall, Section A2017_135_001_004, TRT: 4:30:49 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Elliott S. Hall, Section A2017_135_001_005, TRT: 5:28:36 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Elliott S. Hall, Section A2017_135_001_006, TRT: 6:21:54 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Elliott S. Hall, Section A2017_135_001_007, TRT: 7:04:42 ?

