

# Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Alex Parrish

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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>	Parrish, Alex, 1955-
<b>Title:</b>	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Alex Parrish,
<b>Dates:</b>	October 19, 2017
<b>Bulk Dates:</b>	2017
<b>Physical Description:</b>	6 uncompressed MOV digital video files (2:45:41).
<b>Abstract:</b>	Lawyer Alex Parrish (1955 - ) is a graduate of Harvard Law School and built one of the nation's largest practices representing minority and female owned businesses at the Detroit law firm of Honigman, Miller, Schwartz and Cohn LLP. Parrish was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on October 19, 2017, in Detroit, Michigan. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
<b>Identification:</b>	A2017_189
<b>Language:</b>	The interview and records are in English.

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## Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Lawyer Alex Parrish was born on October 5, 1955 in Memphis, Tennessee. He received his B.A. degree from Howard University in Washington, D.C. in 1977, and his J.D. degree from Harvard Law School in Cambridge, Massachusetts in 1980.

Parrish worked as a law clerk for Judge Damon J. Keith of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit and served from 1980 to 1981, and then was admitted to the District of Columbia Bar on May 7, 1981. He then served for four years in the U.S. Department of the Army, as assistant to the general counsel at the Pentagon, from 1981 to 1985. Parrish was then admitted to the State Bar of Michigan on November 22, 1985, and joined the Detroit law firm of Honigman, Miller, Schwartz and Cohn L.L.P. in 1985, and was named partner in the firm in 1989. In 2004, Parrish, was credited for developing one of the largest law practices focused on minority and women owned businesses. Parrish also served on the faculty at the Michigan Institute for Continuing Legal Education from 1990 to 2015.

Parrish was named in *DBusiness* magazine among the "Top Lawyers" for 2010 and 2011, and was selected by *The Michigan Chronicle* as "Detroit's Mergers and Acquisitions Lawyer of the Year for 2011." In 2014, Parrish was honored as one of *Michigan Chronicle's* "Power 50." Parrish has also been recognized by *Michigan Super Lawyers* and *Crain's Detroit Business* as one of Michigan's Outstanding Young Business Leaders.

Parrish served as chairman of the board of trustees for the Music Hall for the Performing Arts in Detroit. He was also a member of the board of directors for the Detroit Institute of Arts and a trustee of the Henry Ford Health System Foundation, the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association Foundation and a member of the University of Michigan Board of Regents. He was an active member of the American Bar Association and a member of Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society.

Parrish and his wife Pamela, have one son.

Alex Parrish was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on October 19, 2017.

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## Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Alex Parrish was conducted by Larry Crowe on October 19, 2017, in Detroit, Michigan, and was recorded on 6 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Lawyer Alex Parrish (1955 - ) is a graduate of Harvard Law School and built one of the nation's largest practices representing minority and female owned businesses at the Detroit law firm of Honigman, Miller, Schwartz and Cohn LLP.

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## 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.

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## Controlled Access Terms

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

### Persons:

Parrish, Alex, 1955-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

### Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Parrish, Alex, 1955- --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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## Occupations:

Lawyer

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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 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).

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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 Alex Parrish, Section A2017\_189\_001\_001, TRT: 1:27:39 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Alex Parrish, Section A2017\_189\_001\_002, TRT: 2:28:28 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Alex Parrish, Section A2017\_189\_001\_003, TRT: 3:38:09 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Alex Parrish, Section A2017\_189\_001\_004, TRT: 4:30:47 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Alex Parrish, Section A2017\_189\_001\_005, TRT: 5:29:28 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Alex Parrish, Section A2017\_189\_001\_006, TRT: 6:11:10 ?