

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Darrell Jackson

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Jackson, Darrell, 1958-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Darrell Jackson,
Dates:	April 6, 2018
Bulk Dates:	2018
Physical Description:	8 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:28:25).
Abstract:	Bank executive Darrell Jackson (1958 -) was the president and chief executive officer of Seaway Bank and Trust Company, and the first African American chairperson of the Illinois Banker Association. Jackson was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on April 6, 2018, in Oakland, California. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2018_066
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Business executive Darrell Jackson was born on April 6, 1958 in Chicago, Illinois to Carolyn and Erwin Jackson. Jackson graduated from Mendel Catholic High School in 1976, and went on to earn his B.A. degree in mass communication and media studies from Saint Xavier University in 1981. During college, Jackson worked in the mail room of South Shore Bank, which sparked his interest in banking. He later earned his M.B.A. degree from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management in 2000.

Jackson began his career at BMO Harris Bank in Chicago in 1981, where he completed their commercial banking training program. Jackson went on to become vice president of Harris Bank. In 1995, Jackson became the vice president of personal financial services for Illinois for Northern Trust Corporation. He was promoted to chief executive officer of the Northern Trust Company's Illinois West Suburban Region, and later served as senior vice president and head of the private banking division. In 2010, he was promoted to executive vice president and president of Northern Trust's Wealth Management business in Illinois. Jackson worked at Northern Trust until 2014, when he was named president and chief executive officer of Seaway Bank and Trust Company, the third largest African American owned commercial bank in the country. During his fifteen month tenure there, Jackson restructured the bank's balance sheets, increased its liquidity position, and improved its tier one leverage ratio to an acceptable regulatory level. In 2015, Jackson became the first African American chair of the Illinois Bankers Association. He was on the board of directors of Seaway Bank and Trust Company in addition to being president and CEO, The Delaware Place Bank, The Morton Arboretum, the Illinois Bankers Association, the 100 Club of Chicago and the Kellogg Alumni Council of Northwestern University. Jackson became the first African American chairman of the board for the Illinois Bankers Association, The Morton Arboretum and the 100 Club of Chicago. He also served on the CEO advisory board of Visage International, and served on the boards of The Chicago Child Care Society, and the Children's Inner City Educational Fund. Jackson was a member of the Illinois BancService Corp Board and Strategic Planning Committee. Jackson was voted one of the forty leaders of color by Chicago United in 2003; and was given the 2004 Martin Luther King Jr. Legacy Award by the Boys and Girls Club of

Chicago. In 2014, he received the Father John Phelps Humanitarian of the Year Award from Life Directions. Jackson is also a member of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity.

Jackson and his wife, Valencia Ray, have two children, Lindsay and Tyler.

Darrell Jackson was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on April 6, 2018.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Darrell Jackson was conducted by Larry Crowe on April 6, 2018, in Oakland, California, and was recorded on 8 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Bank executive Darrell Jackson (1958 -) was the president and chief executive officer of Seaway Bank and Trust Company, and the first African American chairperson of the Illinois Banker Association.

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:

Jackson, Darrell, 1958-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Jackson, Darrell, 1958- --Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Bank Executive

HistoryMakers® Category:

BusinessMakers

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

The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Darrell Jackson, April 6, 2018. The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection, 1900 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

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 Darrell Jackson, Section A2018_066_001_001, TRT: 1:28:36 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Darrell Jackson, Section A2018_066_001_002, TRT: 2:28:20 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Darrell Jackson, Section A2018_066_001_003, TRT: 3:28:45 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Darrell Jackson, Section A2018_066_001_004, TRT: 4:30:38 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Darrell Jackson, Section A2018_066_001_005, TRT: 5:27:49 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Darrell Jackson, Section A2018_066_001_006, TRT: 6:29:07 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Darrell Jackson, Section A2018_066_001_007, TRT: 7:26:27 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Darrell Jackson, Section A2018_066_001_008, TRT: 8:08:43 ?