

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Rex Butler

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Butler, Rex, 1951-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Rex Butler,
Dates:	May 22, 2018
Bulk Dates:	2018
Physical Description:	7 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:30:16).
Abstract:	Lawyer Rex Butler (1951 -) founded Rex Lamont Butler and Associates, Inc. in 1985, and worked as a criminal defense attorney in Anchorage for over thirty years. Butler was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on May 22, 2018, in Anchorage, Alaska. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2018_103
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Lawyer Rex Butler was born on March 24, 1951 in New Brunswick, New Jersey to Beatrice Curry, and Ekker Butler. Soon after graduating from high school, Butler served as a hospital corpsman in the U.S. Navy from 1969 to 1973. He then earned his A.A. degree with honors from Florida Junior College, and his B.A. degree in journalism from the University of North Florida. Butler went on to work for *The Florida Star* newspaper, and as a mail carrier for the United States Postal Service for several years. In 1980, Butler enrolled at Howard University School of Law in Washington, D.C., worked as a law clerk at Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission, and completed an internship at M. Ashley Dickerson, Inc. in Anchorage, Alaska before earning his J.D. degree in 1983.

Butler returned to Anchorage to work as an associate at M. Ashley Dickerson, Inc. until 1984, when he became a legislative aide for Alaska State Senator Joe Josephson. Butler then worked as an assistant attorney general for the Alaska Department of Law's Division of Consumer Protection in Anchorage. He also served as general counsel for the Reverend Jesse Jackson, Sr. for President Committee-Alaska, and as the president of the Federal Bar Association Alaska Chapter. Butler founded Rex Lamont Butler and Associates, Inc. in 1985, where he worked as a criminal defense attorney. From 1990 to 2006, Butler also taught as an adjunct professor at the University of Alaska Anchorage and Anchorage Community College.

Butler was the recipient of a Martin Luther King Jr. Community Service Award, a public service award from Anchorage Mayor Tony Knowles, and a certificate of appreciation from the Anchorage Equal Rights Commission. Butler served on the board of directors for Akeela House and Brotherhood, Inc., and was a trustee of Eagle River Missionary Baptist Church. He was also a member of the Anchorage Telephone Commission and the Anchorage Anti-Gang and Youth Violence Policy Team.

Butler is married to Stephanie Butler. He has four children: Octavia, Synclaire, Nigel, and Vikteria.

Rex Butler was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on May 22, 2018.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Rex Butler was conducted by Larry Crowe on May 22, 2018, in Anchorage, Alaska, and was recorded on 7 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Lawyer Rex Butler (1951 -) founded Rex Lamont Butler and Associates, Inc. in 1985, and worked as a criminal defense attorney in Anchorage for over thirty years.

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:

Butler, Rex, 1951-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Butler, Rex, 1951- --Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Lawyer

HistoryMakers® Category:

LawMakers

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 Rex Butler, May 22, 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 Rex Butler, Section A2018_103_001_001, TRT: 1:30:11 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Rex Butler, Section A2018_103_001_002, TRT: 2:28:45 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Rex Butler, Section A2018_103_001_003, TRT: 3:32:41 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Rex Butler, Section A2018_103_001_004, TRT: 4:30:16 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Rex Butler, Section A2018_103_001_005, TRT: 5:30:07 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Rex Butler, Section A2018_103_001_006, TRT: 6:28:26 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Rex Butler, Section A2018_103_001_007, TRT: 7:29:50 ?