

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with The Honorable Pamela Dashiell

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Dashiell, Pamela, 1953-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with The Honorable Pamela Dashiell,
Dates:	August 24, 2018
Bulk Dates:	2018
Physical Description:	7 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:02:09).
Abstract:	Judge The Honorable Pamela Dashiell (1953 -) Dashiell was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on August 24, 2018, in Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2018_168
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Municipal court judge Pamela M. Dashiell was born on June 12, 1953 in Chicago, Illinois. She earned her B.A. degree in psychology and early education from Simmons University (formerly Simmons College) in 1975 and her J.D. degree from Northwestern University's Pritzker School of Law in 1978.

Dashiell briefly worked as an assistant state's attorney in Cook County, Illinois before moving to Boston, Massachusetts in 1980. There, she served as staff counsel for the Massachusetts State Ethics Commission. In 1984, Dashiell transitioned from the state to the municipal level, accepting a position as assistant corporation counsel for the Boston Law Department. She represented city agencies, officers and employees in all stages of litigation. Dashiell stepped down as chief of municipal administration in 1988 and moved to the private sector as in-house counsel for Digital Equipment Corporation. Dashiell supported a multimillion dollar sales channel as well as manufacturing and logistics organizations. She resumed work in the public sector as general counsel for the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs in 1994. Three years later, Dashiell became an assistant attorney general in the Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General. She worked in the Public Protection Bureau for two years before accepting a position as general counsel in the Executive Bureau. Dashiell advised the attorney general and first assistant attorney general on legal and policy matters. She also oversaw the provision of support services to all non-legal operational divisions of the office. In 2006, Dashiell left the Office of the Attorney General to work as director of planning and policy development for the Administrative Office of the Trial Court. She remained there until 2009 when Governor Deval Patrick nominated her to the Dorchester Division of the Boston Municipal Court Department of the Trial Court. Dashiell was sworn in as an associate justice on November 2, 2009.

In 2003, Dashiell served on the inaugural Governor's Diversity and Equal Opportunity Advisory Council. Her community work includes service as vice president of Codman Square Health Center from 1995 to 2008 and on the board of trustees of Charles Street A.M.E. Church. She served as a member of the following organizations: the Massachusetts Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the Massachusetts Black Lawyers Association, the Massachusetts Black Women Attorneys, the Massachusetts Judges Conference, and the Massachusetts Black

Judges Conference.

Dashiell lives in Dorchester, Massachusetts with her husband, Frederick E. Dashiell. They have two children, Frederick E. Dashiell, Jr. and Lindsey M. Dashiell.

The Honorable Pamela M. Dashiell was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on August 24, 2018.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with The Honorable Pamela Dashiell was conducted by Harriette Cole on August 24, 2018, in Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, and was recorded on 7 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Judge The Honorable Pamela Dashiell (1953 -)

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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:

Dashiell, Pamela, 1953-

Cole, Harriette (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Dashiell, Pamela, 1953- --Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Judge

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 The Honorable Pamela Dashiell, Section A2018_168_001_001, TRT: 1:29:14 ?

Video Oral History Interview with The Honorable Pamela Dashiell, Section A2018_168_001_002,
TRT: 2:29:14 ?

Video Oral History Interview with The Honorable Pamela Dashiell, Section A2018_168_001_003,
TRT: 3:30:55 ?

Video Oral History Interview with The Honorable Pamela Dashiell, Section A2018_168_001_004,
TRT: 4:31:11 ?

Video Oral History Interview with The Honorable Pamela Dashiell, Section A2018_168_001_005,
TRT: 5:27:29 ?

Video Oral History Interview with The Honorable Pamela Dashiell, Section A2018_168_001_006,
TRT: 6:25:37 ?

Video Oral History Interview with The Honorable Pamela Dashiell, Section A2018_168_001_007,
TRT: 7:08:29 ?