

# Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Brent L. Henry

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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>	Henry, Brent L., 1947-
<b>Title:</b>	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Brent L. Henry,
<b>Dates:</b>	August 15, 2018
<b>Bulk Dates:</b>	2018
<b>Physical Description:</b>	7 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:07:46).
<b>Abstract:</b>	Lawyer Brent L. Henry (1947- ) served as vice president and general counsel of the Partners Healthcare System, the largest hospital and physicians network in Massachusetts and prior to that he served as senior vice president of MedStar Health Group. Henry was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on August 15, 2018, in Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
<b>Identification:</b>	A2018_169
<b>Language:</b>	The interview and records are in English.

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## Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Lawyer Brent L. Henry was born on October 9, 1947 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He graduated in 1969 with his A.B. degree from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. Then, in 1973, he graduated with his M.A. degree in urban studies from Yale University and his J.D. degree from Yale Law School.

Upon graduation, Henry was hired at the law firm of Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue in Cleveland, Ohio where he worked as an associate for four years before moving to New York City in 1978 to work in the administration of Mayor Ed Koch in the department of human resources where he directed New York City's Medicaid program. Upon completing his tenure, Henry returned to Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue until 1983 when he accepted a position as chief of staff at the Greater Southeast Community Hospital system in Washington, D.C. In 1985, Henry left the hospital system to become vice president and general counsel of the D.C. based Medlantic Healthcare Group. Henry was then promoted in 1998 to senior vice president when Medlantic merged with the Helix Health System to form MedStar Health Group which became the largest healthcare network in the Mid-Atlantic region. In 2002, Henry moved to Boston, Massachusetts to serve as vice president and general counsel of the Partners Healthcare System, the largest hospital and physician's network in Massachusetts where he oversaw the legal, internal audit, corporate compliance, and business ethics departments until 2017 when he retired.

Henry has been recognized by numerous professional organizations, including the American Bar Association, the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Economic Justice, and the New England Legal Foundation. In 1994, he was elected as the first African American president of the National Health Lawyers Association. In 1999, he was appointed as a charter trustee, and in 2011, he was elected vice chair of the board of trustees for Princeton University. In 2016, he chaired the Wilson Legacy Review Committee. Included in Henry's board service are as director for the Boston Symphony Orchestra, the Martha's Vineyard Hospital and Equality Asset Management.

Brent L. Henry was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on August 15, 2018.

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# Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Brent L. Henry was conducted by Larry Crowe on August 15, 2018, in Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, and was recorded on 7 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Lawyer Brent L. Henry (1947- ) served as vice president and general counsel of the Partners Healthcare System, the largest hospital and physicians network in Massachusetts and prior to that he served as senior vice president of MedStar Health Group.

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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:

Henry, Brent L., 1947-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

## Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Henry, Brent L., 1947- --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 Brent L. Henry, Section A2018\_169\_001\_001, TRT: 1:29:10 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Brent L. Henry, Section A2018\_169\_001\_002, TRT: 2:29:39 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Brent L. Henry, Section A2018\_169\_001\_003, TRT: 3:29:13 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Brent L. Henry, Section A2018\_169\_001\_004, TRT: 4:28:20 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Brent L. Henry, Section A2018\_169\_001\_005, TRT: 5:29:27 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Brent L. Henry, Section A2018\_169\_001\_006, TRT: 6:29:35 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Brent L. Henry, Section A2018\_169\_001\_007, TRT: 7:12:22 ?