

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with The Honorable Ronald Adrine

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Adrine, Ronald B.
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with The Honorable Ronald Adrine,
Dates:	September 28, 2018
Bulk Dates:	2018
Physical Description:	8 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:48:09).
Abstract:	Judge Ronald B. Adrine (1947-) served thirty-six years on the bench of the Cleveland Municipal Court and, in 1980, founded the Norman S. Minor Bar Association. Adrine was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on September 28, 2018, in Cleveland, Ohio. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2018_195
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Judge Ronald B. Adrine was born on April 21, 1947 in Cleveland, Ohio to Russell T. and Ethel Adrine. Adrine graduated from Shaker Heights High School in 1965 and then entered Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio before transferring to Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee, where he received his B.A. degree in history in 1969. He obtained his J.D. degree from the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law in 1973.

Adrine passed the Ohio State Bar in 1973 and went on to work as prosecuting attorney for the Cuyahoga County in the criminal division in 1974. He entered into private practice with his father, the late Russell T. Adrine, in 1976. Adrine was appointed to serve as senior staff counsel to the U.S. House of Representatives Select Committee on Assassinations, in Washington, D.C. in 1978. In 1980, he returned to Cleveland and merged four African American legal organizations into the Norman S. Minor Bar Association in Cleveland. He first ran for a seat on the Cleveland Municipal Court bench in 1981, and was re-elected five times to full six-year terms from 1981 to 2017. He chaired the Ohio Commission on Racial Fairness in 1994. Adrine served as administrative and presiding judge of the Cleveland Municipal Court from 2008 to 2017. Here, he led the effort to create a Family Justice Center in 2014. Adrine received national attention for his ruling in a Cleveland Municipal Court case that involved the actions of two Cleveland police officers that resulted in the death of twelve year old Tamir Rice. Adrine retired from the court after thirty six years of service in 2017. He joined Cleveland State University's Cleveland-Marshall College of Law as a Leader-in-Residence, serving as its first jurist-in-residence in 2018.

Adrine served as chair of the Ohio Supreme Court's Interpreter Services Advisory Committee and of the National Board of Directors of Futures Without Violence, and was co-chair of the advisory board of the National Judicial Institute on Domestic Violence. He was also a member of the Supreme Court's Criminal Sentencing Commission's Ad Hoc Committee on Bail and Pretrial Services.

He was awarded the Ohio State Bar Association Ohio Bar Medal in 2000. The Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association also recognized Adrine in 2002, and he received the second Elizabeth Hines Domestic Violence

Award in 2013. In 2017, he was the recipient of the Association of Municipal/County Court Judges of Ohio President's Award for Excellent Judicial Service, the Lifetime Achievement Award of the Cleveland Branch of the NAACP, and was an inaugural member inductee of the Cleveland-Marshall Law Hall of Fame. Adrine also received the first-ever Lifetime Achievement Award of the Northeast Ohio Chapter of the American Constitution Society in 2018.

Ronald Adrine was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on September 28, 2018.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with The Honorable Ronald Adrine was conducted by Larry Crowe on September 28, 2018, in Cleveland, Ohio, and was recorded on 8 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Judge Ronald B. Adrine (1947-) served thirty-six years on the bench of the Cleveland Municipal Court and, in 1980, founded the Norman S. Minor Bar Association.

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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:

Adrine, Ronald B.

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

Subjects:

Adrine, Ronald B.--Interviews

African Americans--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

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