

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Maurita Coley

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Coley, Maurita, 1956-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Maurita Coley,
Dates:	August 20, 2019
Bulk Dates:	2019
Physical Description:	7 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:29:02).
Abstract:	Lawyer and nonprofit executive Maurita Coley (1955 -) was a partner at Coley Raywid and Braverman and senior vice president of legal affairs, network operations, and programming at BET Networks before becoming president and chief executive officer of Multicultural Media, Telecom and Internet Council in 2018. Coley Flippin was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on August 20, 2019, in Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2019_082
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Lawyer and nonprofit executive Maurita Coley was born on June 18, 1956 in Detroit, Michigan. Coley graduated from Cass Technical High School in 1973 and went on to receive her B.A. in communications arts and sciences from Michigan State University in 1977. In 1981, Coley received her J.D. degree from Georgetown University Law Center.

In 1981, Coley joined Clark Klein & Beaumont as an associate attorney in Detroit, Michigan. Two years later, she moved to Cole Raywid and Braverman, where she served as an attorney and partner. In 1993, Coley joined BET Networks as senior vice president of legal affairs; and, in 1995, she became senior vice president of network operations and programming. In 1999, Coley returned to Cole Raywid and Braverman, which became Davis Wright Tremaine LLP in 2007. She later served as principal of Coley Law and Media, PLLC, in 2009, where she worked for three years. In 2010, Coley joined Capital Area Asset Builders as its executive director. Two years later, Coley served as executive vice president, chief operating officer, and acting chief executive officer of Multicultural Media, Telecom and Internet Council. In 2018, she was promoted to president and chief executive officer.

Coley served as co-committee chair for Georgetown Law Center's Black Alumni Endowment at the first Georgetown Black Law Alumni Reunion. She also served as co-agent for Davis Wright Tremaine law firm in the Georgetown Law Firm Challenge. In 2014, Coley was on the Strategic Planning Council of Alumni Leaders of Georgetown University Law Center. She is an executive committee member of Daniel Alexander Payne Community Development Corporation (DAPCDC), and is also a member of the District of Columbia Bar, the State of Michigan Bar, and the U.S. Supreme Court Bar.

Coley has received multiple awards for her work including the 2005 Distinguished Alumnae Award from Georgetown University Law Center's Women's Law Forum, being named a CableFax Top Lawyer in 2017, and receiving the 2018 President's Award for Community Service from Black Data Professionals Association.

Coley and her husband, Paul Flippin, reside in Washington, D.C.

Maurita Coley was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on August 20, 2019.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Maurita Coley was conducted by Larry Crowe on August 20, 2019, in Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, and was recorded on 7 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Lawyer and nonprofit executive Maurita Coley (1955 -) was a partner at Coley Raywid and Braverman and senior vice president of legal affairs, network operations, and programming at BET Networks before becoming president and chief executive officer of Multicultural Media, Telecom and Internet Council in 2018.

Restrictions

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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:

Coley, Maurita, 1956-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews
Coley, Maurita, 1956---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

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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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- Video Oral History Interview with Maurita Coley, Section A2019_082_001_002, TRT: 2:28:48 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Maurita Coley, Section A2019_082_001_003, TRT: 3:31:00 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Maurita Coley, Section A2019_082_001_004, TRT: 4:29:53 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Maurita Coley, Section A2019_082_001_005, TRT: 5:30:37 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Maurita Coley, Section A2019_082_001_006, TRT: 6:30:34 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Maurita Coley, Section A2019_082_001_007, TRT: 7:28:28 ?