

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Stephanie Phillipps

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Phillipps, Stephanie, 1952-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Stephanie Phillipps,
Dates:	August 23, 2019 and October 4, 2022
Bulk Dates:	2019 and 2022
Physical Description:	10 uncompressed MOV digital video files (4:57:16).
Abstract:	Lawyer Stephanie Phillipps (1952-) joined Arnold & Porter in 1976, as its first African American woman associate, and was promoted to partner in 1984. She retired in 2019. Phillipps was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on August 23, 2019 and October 4, 2022, in Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts and Washington, District of Columbia. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2019_088
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Lawyer Stephanie Phillipps was born on March 13, 1952 in Boston Massachusetts, to Dr. Robert and Marion Phillipps. She attended William Lloyd Garrison School and Girls' Latin School in Boston, graduating in 1969. Phillipps then attended Harvard College in Cambridge, Massachusetts, where she earned her B.S. degree in economics in 1973. In 1976, she received her J.D. degree from Harvard Law School.

Phillipps was hired by the Washington D.C. law firm Arnold & Porter as its first African American woman associate in 1976. In 1984, she was promoted to partner and specialized in telecommunications, media, consumer protection and advertising law. Her clients included internet, cable television and media companies as well as state and local governments and nonprofit organizations. Phillipps also advised on various FCC rulemakings to implement and interpret the provisions of the 1984 and 1992 Cable Acts and the 1996 Telecommunications Act. In 2010, Phillipps founded an online support group called Beccastone for mothers and caregivers to find and share information and support on raising African American children. Phillipps retired as a partner at Arnold & Porter in 2019.

Phillipps has served on many boards including those of Grain Management, the Clara Elizabeth Jackson Carter Foundation, the Ellington Fund, the National Conference for Community and Justice, Sidwell Friends School, For the Love of Children (FLOC), and the National Symphony Orchestra. She was chair of the board of trustees of the Washington Region for Justice and Inclusion. She is also a member of Harvard Law School Black Alumni Network and a fellow of the American Bar Foundation. In 1997, Phillipps and her husband, George Murray, established the Stephanie M. Phillipps and George E. Murray Fund at the Sidwell Friends School in Washington D.C. Its mission is to expand and increase diversity in the school through a student scholarship for African Americans, as well as funds to support African American faculty.

Phillipps was named part of The Legal 500 U.S. in the Telecoms and Broadcast: Regulatory category in 2013,

2017, and 2018.

Phillipps and her husband, George Murray, reside in Washington D.C. They have two children, Sydney Murray and Michael Phillipps Murray.

Stephanie Phillipps was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on August 23, 2019 and October 4, 2022.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Stephanie Phillipps was conducted by Harriette Cole and Julieanna L. Richardson on August 23, 2019 and October 4, 2022, in Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts and Washington, District of Columbia, and was recorded on 10 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Lawyer Stephanie Phillipps (1952-) joined Arnold & Porter in 1976, as its first African American woman associate, and was promoted to partner in 1984. She retired in 2019.

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:

Phillipps, Stephanie, 1952-

Cole, Harriette (Interviewer)

Richardson, Julieanna L. (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews
Phillipps, Stephanie, 1952---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

Video Oral History Interview with Stephanie Phillipps, Section A2019_088_001_001, TRT: 1:28:43 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Stephanie Phillipps, Section A2019_088_001_002, TRT: 2:28:26 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Stephanie Phillipps, Section A2019_088_001_003, TRT: 3:29:18 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Stephanie Phillipps, Section A2019_088_001_004, TRT: 4:28:25 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Stephanie Phillipps, Section A2019_088_001_005, TRT: 5:29:44 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Stephanie Phillipps, Section A2019_088_002_006, TRT: 6:30:12 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Stephanie Phillipps, Section A2019_088_002_007, TRT: 7:30:15 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Stephanie Phillipps, Section A2019_088_002_008, TRT: 8:30:03 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Stephanie Phillipps, Section A2019_088_002_009, TRT: 9:32:05 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Stephanie Phillipps, Section A2019_088_002_010, TRT: 10:30:05 ?