

Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Martina Bradford

PERSON

Bradford, Martina, 1952-

Alternative Names: Martina Bradford;

Life Dates: September 14, 1952-

Place of Birth: Washington, District of Columbia, USA

Residence: Ketchum, Idaho

Work: Washington, D.C.

Occupations: Lawyer

Biographical Note

Lawyer Martina Bradford was born on September 14, 1952 in Washington, D.C. to Alma Ashton Lewis and Martin Luther Lewis, Jr. Bradford received her B.A. degree in economics from American University in 1973, and her J.D. degree from Duke University School of Law in 1975.

In 1975, Bradford joined the Interstate Commerce Commission as attorney-director in the finance division, and was later promoted to chief of staff to the vice chairman. At the same time, she served as counsel to the Senate Committee on Government Operations and the House Appropriations Committee. In 1983, Bradford was hired by AT&T as an attorney in the corporate legal department, before moving to the public affairs department. In 1988, she was promoted to vice president of external affairs of the New York/New England region. Two years later, she was appointed vice president for federal government affairs at AT&T, where she lobbied on behalf of the company as lawmakers drafted the 1996 Telecommunications Act. In 1996, Bradford moved to AT&T's spinoff company, Lucent Technologies, where she served as corporate vice president of global public affairs and helped establish the company with governmental and regulatory bodies. She left Lucent Technologies in 2000 to serve as partner at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld. In 2006, Bradford served as senior advisor for human resources in the office of Senator Harry Reid and directed the Senate Democratic Diversity Initiative. She was appointed deputy sergeant at arms in 2010 and served for three years before joining the Bockorny Group as principal. In 2015, she founded Palladian Hill Strategies, a lobbying firm in Washington, D.C.

Bradford has served on the board of visitors at Duke University Law School and the

board of trustees of American University. She also served as vice chairman of the board of trustees of the Robert Trent Jones Golf Club and as a member of the board of the Mid-Atlantic Region of the United States Golf Association. In 1991, Bradford was named one of Black Enterprise's 21 Women of Power and Influence in Corporate America.

Bradford and her husband have one daughter and reside in Washington, D.C.

Martina Bradford was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on September 26, 2019.

Related Entries

American University [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

B.A.

Duke University School of Law [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

J.D.

Duke University Fuqua School of Business [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Certificate

Bishop Henry McNeil Turner Elementary School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Kramer Middle School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Anacostia High School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Interstate Commerce Commission [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1995 to ?]

Attorney-Director, Finance Division

Senate Committee on Government Operations [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from ? to ?]

Counsel

House Appropriations Committee [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 2000 to ?]

Counsel

Interstate Commerce Commission [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1977 to ?]

Chief of Staff to the Vice Chairman

At&T [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from ? to ?]

Attorney, Corporate Legal Department

At&T [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from ? to ?]

Attorney, Public Affairs Department

At&T [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 1988 to 1990]

Vice President of External Affairs, New York/New England Region

At&T [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from ? to ?]

Vice President for Federal Government Affairs

Lucent Technologies [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 1996 to 2000]

Corporate Vice President of Global Public Affairs

Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 2001 to 2006]

Partner

Office of Senator Harry Reid [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 2006 to 2010]

Senior Advisor for Human Resources

[EMPLOYEEOf]
[from ? to ?]

United States Senate [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 2010 to 2013]

Deputy Sergeant at Arms

The Bockorny Group [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 2013 to 2015]

COO and Principal

Palladian Hill Strategies [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 2015 to ?]

CEO and Principal

Duke Law School [MEMBEROf]
[from 1994 to ?]

Board of Visitors

Robert Trent Jones Golf Club [MEMBEROf]
[from ? to ?]

Board Member

Cadmus Communications [MEMBEROF]
[from ? to ?]

Board Member

Arena Stage [MEMBEROF]
[from 1994 to 2000]

Board Member

American University [MEMBEROF]
[from 1996 to 2002]

Board of Trustees Member

Washington National Opera [MEMBEROF]
[from 1996 to 2005]

Board of Trustees Member