

# Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Martina Bradford

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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>	Bradford, Martina, 1952-
<b>Title:</b>	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Martina Bradford,
<b>Dates:</b>	September 26, 2019
<b>Bulk Dates:</b>	2019
<b>Physical Description:</b>	6 uncompressed MOV digital video files (2:57:02).
<b>Abstract:</b>	Lawyer Martina Bradford (1952- ) served as attorney, vice president of external affairs of the New York/New England region, and vice president of federal government affairs at AT&T before serving as deputy sergeant at arms in 2010. Bradford was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on September 26, 2019, in Washington, District of Columbia. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
<b>Identification:</b>	A2019_106
<b>Language:</b>	The interview and records are in English.

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## Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

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.

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# Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Martina Bradford was conducted by Larry Crowe on September 26, 2019, in Washington, District of Columbia, and was recorded on 6 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Lawyer Martina Bradford (1952- ) served as attorney, vice president of external affairs of the New York/New England region, and vice president of federal government affairs at AT&T before serving as deputy sergeant at arms in 2010.

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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:

Bradford, Martina, 1952-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

## Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Bradford, Martina, 1952---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 Martina Bradford, Section A2019\_106\_001\_001, TRT: 1:29:08  
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Video Oral History Interview with Martina Bradford, Section A2019\_106\_001\_002, TRT: 2:28:49  
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Video Oral History Interview with Martina Bradford, Section A2019\_106\_001\_003, TRT: 3:29:53

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Video Oral History Interview with Martina Bradford, Section A2019\_106\_001\_004, TRT: 4:29:59

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Video Oral History Interview with Martina Bradford, Section A2019\_106\_001\_005, TRT: 5:30:07

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Video Oral History Interview with Martina Bradford, Section A2019\_106\_001\_006, TRT: 6:29:06

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