

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with James L. Hudson

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Hudson, James, 1939-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with James L. Hudson,
Dates:	January 22, 2020
Bulk Dates:	2020
Physical Description:	10 uncompressed MOV digital video files (4:38:12).
Abstract:	Lawyer James L. Hudson (1939-) co-founded the firm Hudson Leftwich in 1970 before becoming chairman of JAH Development Company and JLH Partners LLC in 1985. Hudson was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on January 22, 2020, in Washington, District of Columbia. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2020_005
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Lawyer James L. Hudson was born on November 6, 1939 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana to Augustine Lagarde and James Hudson. He received his B.A. degree in 1961 from Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia and his J.D. degree in 1965 from Boston University School of Law.

In 1966, Hudson joined the firm Rhyne & Rhyne in Washington, D.C. He then worked as a research fellow at The Urban Institute from 1968 until 1970. In 1970, Hudson co-founded the law firm Hudson Leftwich where he served as a senior partner. The firm later became Hudson, Leftwich & Davenport in 1972, and he represented various municipalities including Detroit, New Orleans, Oakland and Kansas City. Hudson also served as finance counsel to the District of Columbia from 1974 to 1982. In 1985, he was named chairman at JAH Development Company and JLH Partners LLC.

Hudson has served on numerous boards throughout his career. He was a member of the Carter-Mondale Steering Committee of Washington, D.C. in 1976, was appointed to the board of the District of Columbia National Capital Revitalization Corporation by Mayor Anthony Williams in May of 2003; and, in 2009, President Barack Obama appointed Hudson as the United States executive director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. In 2013, Hudson was selected to lead the Gwendolyn S. and Colbert I. King Endowed Chair Lecture Series at Howard University; and, in 2013, he served as the Holden Lecturer at Jackson State University. Hudson also was a member of the District of Columbia Tax Revision Commission, was chairman of the Morehouse College Board of Trustees, and served on the boards of the Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority, the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of African Art, the Georgetown Day School, the District of Columbia General Hospital, the Municipal Finance Forum of Washington, the District of Columbia National Bank, and Carson Products, Inc.

In 2017, Hudson was recognized at the Morehouse University 133rd Commencement where he was conferred the

title “Chairman Emeritus” with a special black academic chair, and received the College’s 150th anniversary sesquicentennial medallion.

James L. Hudson was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on January 22, 2020.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with James L. Hudson was conducted by Larry Crowe on January 22, 2020, in Washington, District of Columbia, and was recorded on 10 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Lawyer James L. Hudson (1939-) co-founded the firm Hudson Leftwich in 1970 before becoming chairman of JAH Development Company and JLH Partners LLC in 1985.

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:

Hudson, James, 1939-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Hudson, James, 1939---Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Lawyer

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

Video Oral History Interview with James L. Hudson, Section A2020_005_001_001, TRT: 1:30:02 ?

Video Oral History Interview with James L. Hudson, Section A2020_005_001_002, TRT: 2:28:33 ?

Video Oral History Interview with James L. Hudson, Section A2020_005_001_003, TRT: 3:28:49 ?
Video Oral History Interview with James L. Hudson, Section A2020_005_001_004, TRT: 4:29:48 ?
Video Oral History Interview with James L. Hudson, Section A2020_005_001_005, TRT: 5:29:04 ?
Video Oral History Interview with James L. Hudson, Section A2020_005_001_006, TRT: 6:31:00 ?
Video Oral History Interview with James L. Hudson, Section A2020_005_001_007, TRT: 7:28:30 ?
Video Oral History Interview with James L. Hudson, Section A2020_005_001_008, TRT: 8:35:04 ?
Video Oral History Interview with James L. Hudson, Section A2020_005_001_009, TRT: 9:33:18 ?
Video Oral History Interview with James L. Hudson, Section A2020_005_001_010, TRT: 10:04:04
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