

Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Conrad L. Mallett, Jr.

PERSON

Mallett, Conrad L., Jr., 1953-

Alternative Names: Conrad L. Mallett, Jr.;

Life Dates: October 12, 1953-

Place of Birth: Detroit, Michigan, USA

Residence: Detroit, MI

Work: Detroit, MI

Occupations: City Government Official;

Biographical Note

Politician, judge, lawyer, and corporate executive Conrad Mallett was born on October 12, 1953, in Chicago, Illinois, to Claudia Mallett and Conrad Mallett, Sr. He received his B.A. degree in English in 1975 from the University of California, Los Angeles, his J.D. and M.P.A. degrees in 1979 from the University of Southern California, and his M.B.A. degree in 2002 from Oakland University in Auburn Hills, Michigan.

In 1975, Mallett became a congressional assistant in the Detroit office of U.S. Congressman John Conyers. In 1979, he worked in the political division of the Democratic National Committee in Mississippi. He joined the Detroit law firm Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone in 1981. That year, he also began working for Detroit Mayor Coleman Young. In 1982, Mallett became the Detroit manager for James J. Blanchard's campaign for governor of Michigan. He served as director of legal and governmental affairs for Michigan Governor James J. Blanchard from 1983 to 1984. In 1985, Mallett became senior executive assistant to Detroit Mayor Coleman Young. He joined the Detroit law firm Jaffe Raitt Heuer & Weiss in 1987. Mallett was appointed by Michigan Governor James J. Blanchard to the Michigan Supreme Court in 1990 and elected chief justice in 1997. He retired from the court in 1999. That year, he also became a partner at Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone. He also has served as president and general counsel of La-Van Hawkins Food Group LLC. Mallett served in various executive roles at the Detroit Medical Center from 1999 to 2020, including as general counsel, chief administrative officer, executive vice president, and CEO, as well as president of Sinai-Grace Hospital and of Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital. Mallett was named Deputy Mayor of Detroit in 2020.

Mallett has served on the boards of Kelly Services, Inc., and Lear Corporation. He is a member of the National Association of Bond Lawyers, the Wolverine Bar Association, the Detroit Bar Association, the American Bar Association, and the Genesee County Bar Association and is a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives.

Mallett holds honorary doctorates from Alma College, the Michigan State University College of Law, and the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. In 2016, Savoy magazine recognized Mallett as one of the year's Most Influential Black Corporate Directors.

Mallett and his wife, Denise Mallett, live in Detroit. They have three children, Alex, Kristan, and Lauren.

Conrad Mallett was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on March 17, 2022.

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McCullough Elementary School [STUDENTOf]
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[from ? to ?]

Cass Technical High School [STUDENTOf]
[from ? to ?]

Wayne State University [STUDENTOf]
[from ? to ?]

University of California, Los Angeles [STUDENTOf]
[from ? to ?]

B.A.

University of Southern California [STUDENTOf]
[from ? to ?]

J.D., M.P.A.

Oakland University [STUDENTOf]
[from ? to ?]

M.B.A.

U.S. Congressman John Conyers [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 1975 to ?]

Congressional Assistant

Democratic National Committee [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 1979 to ?]

Worker

Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 1981 to ?]

Lawyer

Detroit Mayor Coleman Young [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 1981 to ?]

Senior Executive Assistant

James J. Blanchard Michigan Gubernatorial Campaign [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 1982 to ?]

Detroit Campaign Manager

Michigan Governor James J. Blanchard [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 1983 to 1984]

Director of Legal and Governmental Affairs

Jaffe Raitt Heuer & Weiss [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 1987 to ?]

Lawyer

Michigan Supreme Court [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 1990 to 1999]

Justice and Chief Justice

Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 1999 to ?]

Partner

Detroit Medical Center [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 1999 to 2020]

**General Counsel, Chief Administrative Officer, Executive Vice President, and
CEO**

Sinai-Grace Hospital [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 2003 to 2012]

President

Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 2017 to 2017]

President

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President and General Counsel

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Member

American College of Healthcare Executives [MEMBEROF]

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Fellow