

# Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Conrad L. Mallett, Jr.

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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>	Mallett, Conrad L., Jr., 1953-
<b>Title:</b>	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Conrad L. Mallett, Jr.,
<b>Dates:</b>	March 17, 2022
<b>Bulk Dates:</b>	2022
<b>Physical Description:</b>	10 uncompressed MOV digital video files (5:13:00).
<b>Abstract:</b>	Politician, judge, lawyer, and corporate executive Conrad Mallet (1953 - ) served on the Michigan Supreme Court from 1990 to 1999, including as chief justice from 1997 to 1999. He also held executive roles at the Detroit Medical Center from 1999 to 2020, including as general counsel, chief administrative officer, executive vice president, and CEO. Mallett was named Deputy Mayor of Detroit in 2020. Mallett was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on March 17, 2022, in Detroit, Michigan. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
<b>Identification:</b>	A2022_026
<b>Language:</b>	The interview and records are in English.

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## Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Politician, judge, lawyer, and corporate executive Conrad Mallet was born on October 12, 1953, in Chicago, Illinois, to Claudia Mallett and Conrad Mallet, 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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## Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Conrad L. Mallett, Jr. was conducted by Larry Crowe on March 17, 2022, in Detroit, Michigan, and was recorded on 10 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Politician, judge, lawyer, and corporate executive Conrad Mallet (1953 - ) served on the Michigan Supreme Court from 1990 to 1999, including as chief justice from 1997 to 1999. He also held executive roles at the Detroit Medical Center from 1999 to 2020, including as general counsel, chief administrative officer, executive vice president, and CEO. Mallett was named Deputy Mayor of Detroit in 2020.

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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:

Mallett, Conrad L., Jr., 1953-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

## Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews  
Mallett, Conrad L., Jr., 1953---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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Detroit (Mich.)

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## Occupations:

City Government Official

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## HistoryMakers® Category:

PoliticalMakers

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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.

## Detailed Description of the Collection

### Series I: Original Interview Footage

Video Oral History Interview with Conrad L. Mallett, Jr., Section A2022\_026\_001\_001, TRT: 1:29:04 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Conrad L. Mallett, Jr., Section A2022\_026\_001\_002, TRT: 2:31:26 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Conrad L. Mallett, Jr., Section A2022\_026\_001\_003, TRT: 3:34:11 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Conrad L. Mallett, Jr., Section A2022\_026\_001\_004, TRT: 4:29:34 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Conrad L. Mallett, Jr., Section A2022\_026\_001\_005, TRT: 5:32:43 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Conrad L. Mallett, Jr., Section A2022\_026\_001\_006, TRT: 6:28:55 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Conrad L. Mallett, Jr., Section A2022\_026\_001\_007, TRT: 7:29:01 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Conrad L. Mallett, Jr., Section A2022\_026\_001\_008, TRT: 8:30:30 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Conrad L. Mallett, Jr., Section A2022\_026\_001\_009, TRT: 9:30:33 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Conrad L. Mallett, Jr., Section A2022\_026\_001\_010, TRT: 10:37:03 ?