

Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Lois Wright

PERSON

Wright, Lois E., 1949-

Alternative Names: Lois Wright;

Life Dates: June 25, 1949-

Place of Birth: Newark, New Jersey, USA

Residence: Montclair, NJ

Occupations: Broadcast Entrepreneur; Lawyer

Biographical Note

Broadcast executive and lawyer Lois E. Wright was born on June 25, 1949 in Newark, New Jersey, to parents Robert Wright and Elise Onion. Wright earned her B.A. degree in American Studies from Douglas College at Rutgers University in 1970. After attending the Bout Hall School of Law at the University of California, Berkeley, Wright transferred to the Rutgers School of Law and graduated with her J.D. degree from there in 1973.

Upon graduation, Wright was hired by the City of Newark as an attorney in the corporate counsel's office. She became a lawyer for the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in 1977, and served there for three years in the Broadcast Bureau as well as the Office of Plans and Policy. In 1980, Wright became the general counsel for Inner City Broadcasting (ICBC), one of the first African American-owned broadcasting companies. She was later appointed as the executive vice president and corporate counsel for ICBC.

In 1996, Wright became a member of the Hudson Valley Chapter of The Links, Inc. She later served as the counsel to the board of directors for the National Association of Black Owned Broadcasters (NABOB), and as a member of the board of directors for the National Conference of Black Lawyers (NCBL). Wright is also a member of the National Bar Association (NBA).

In 2010, Wright received the distinct honor of being named as one of "The 50 Most Influential Women in Radio" by Radio Ink magazine.

Lois E. Wright was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on November 14, 2013.

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Attorney, Corporate Counsel Office

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Counsel, Broadcast Bureau

Inner City Broadcasting Corporation [EMPLOYEEOf]

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