

# Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Dr. Ada Cooper

PERSON

Cooper, Ada, 1960-

**Alternative Names:** Dr. Ada Cooper;

**Life Dates:** October 19, 1960-

**Place of Birth:** New York, New York, USA

**Residence:** Brooklyn, NY

**Work:** New York, NY

**Occupations:** Dentist

## Biographical Note

Dentist and lawyer Dr. Ada Cooper was born on October 19, 1960 in New York City to Dr. H.H. Cooper, Jr. and Edith Blue Cooper. Cooper graduated from Stuyvesant High School in 1978, and earned her B.A. degree cum laude in political science at Amherst College in 1982. She was awarded the John Woodruff Simpson Fellowship in Law to attend Harvard Law School, graduating with her J.D. degree in 1985. Cooper completed her D.D.S. degree at New York University College of Dentistry in 2002.

Cooper began her legal career as a litigator at the law firm of Jenner & Block in 1985, and then worked as an associate in the litigation section of Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue in New York from 1986 to 1989. Cooper returned to Jenner & Block in 1989, and was later named a partner in 1992. After thirteen years in the legal profession, Cooper returned to school to study dentistry. Not long after graduating from the New York University College of Dentistry in 2002, Cooper was selected to be a national spokesperson and consumer advisor for the American Dental Association (ADA). Cooper appeared on the Dr. Oz Show, CNN, NBC Today Show, and NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams. She was also quoted in the Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, and Women's Health magazine.

Cooper served as a member of the American Bar Association's Litigation Section and Corporate Counsel Committee, as well as the United States District court, Northern District of Illinois, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. She also served as a member of the NIDCR "PEARL" Protocol Review Committee, the Greater New York Dental Meeting Seminar Committee, the American Dental Association, the Academy of General Dentistry, and the New York State Dental

Association. In addition, she served as a member of the New York County Dental Society Legislative Committee and the New York State Dental Society Benefits Committee. She is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Boys Club of New York, and serves on the board of directors of the New York County Dental Society. Cooper also received many awards and honors, including the American College of Dentists' Outstanding Achievement Award, the New York University Key Pin Award for Outstanding Achievement, and induction into the Omicron Kappa Upsilon Honor Dental Society.

Dr. Ada Cooper was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on September 23, 2016.

## Related Entries

**P.S. 20 Clinton Hill School** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**J.H.S. 104 Simon Baruch** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Amherst College** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**B.A. degree, cum laude**

**Harvard Law School** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**J.D.**

**New York University College of Dentistry** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**D.D.S. degree**

**Stuyvesant High School** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Jenner & Block LLP** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from 1979 to ?]

**Associate, Litigation Section**

**Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from 1999 to 2000]

**Associate, Litigation Section**

**Jenner & Block LLP** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from 1989 to 1996]

**Partner, Litigation Section**

**H.H. Cooper Jr. D.D.S** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from 2002 to 2006]

**General Dentist**

**Mt Sinai Hospital Dental Clinic** [EMPLOYEEOf]  
[from 2002 to 2002]

**Resident**

**American Dental Association** [EMPLOYEEOf]  
[from 1965 to 1969]

**National Spokesperson and Consumer Advisor**

**Ada S. Cooper D.D.S.** [EMPLOYEEOf]  
[from 1956 to 1986]

**General Dentist**

**National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research** [MEMBEROf]  
[from ? to ?]

**PEARL Protocol Review Committee**

**Greater New York Dental Meeting** [MEMBEROf]  
[from ? to ?]

**Seminar Committee**

**American Dental Association** [MEMBEROf]  
[from ? to ?]

**Member**

**Academy of General Dentistry** [MEMBEROf]  
[from ? to ?]

**Member**

**New York State Dental Association** [MEMBEROf]  
[from ? to ?]

**Member**

**New York County Dental Society** [MEMBEROf]  
[from ? to ?]

**Member**

**Bar of the State of Illinois** [MEMBEROf]  
[from ? to ?]

**Member**

**Bar of the State of Ohio** [MEMBEROf]  
[from ? to ?]

**Member**

**Bar of the United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois** [MEMBEROf]  
[from ? to ?]

**Member**

**Bar of the United States District Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit** [MEMBEROf]

[from ? to ?]

**Member**

**American Bar Association, Litigation Section** [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

**Member**

**American Bar Association, Corporate Counsel Committee** [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

**Member**