

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with The Honorable Andre M. Davis

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Davis, Andre Maurice 1949-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with The Honorable Andre M. Davis,
Dates:	December 8, 2016
Bulk Dates:	2016
Physical Description:	8 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:54:42).
Abstract:	Judge Andre M. Davis (1949 -) was appointed to the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland in 1995 by President Bill Clinton. In 2009, he was appointed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit by President Barack Obama. Davis was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on December 8, 2016, in Richmond, Virginia. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2016_101
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Judge Andre M. Davis was born on February 11, 1949 in Baltimore, Maryland. He received his B.A. degree in American history from the University of Pennsylvania, and went on to receive his J.D. degree from the University of Maryland School of Law, where he graduated cum laude in 1978.

In 1978, Davis worked as a law clerk to Judge Frank A. Kaufman, who served in the U.S. District Court in the District of Maryland. In 1979, Davis clerked for Judge Francis D. Murnaghan, Jr., before working as an appellate attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division in 1980. From 1981 to 1983, Davis served as an assistant U.S. attorney for the District of Maryland. He then entered private practice for one year, before joining the faculty of his alma mater, the University of Maryland School of Law. In 1987, Davis was appointed to his first judgeship, serving the District Court of Maryland for Baltimore City. He was then appointed as an associate judge for the Circuit Court for Baltimore City in 1990, before being elected to a full term on the state circuit court in 1992. In 1995, President Bill Clinton appointed Davis to the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland; and in October of 2000, President Clinton nominated Davis to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. However, the U.S. Senate refused to schedule his confirmation hearings, leaving the seat empty until Davis was nominated again, by President Barack Obama, in April 2009. He was confirmed by the Senate with a 72-16 vote in November of that year, receiving his commission the following day. Davis sat on the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals bench for several landmark cases in U.S. law. In 2011, he served on the panel that heard *Liberty University et al v. Geithner*, which challenged the Affordable Care Act of 2010. In 2014, Davis assumed senior status as a judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

Davis was the recipient of the American Jurisprudence Award, the Myerowitz Moot Court Award and the Benjamin L. Cardin Public Service Award, among numerous other honors.

Judge Andre M. Davis was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on December 8, 2016.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with The Honorable Andre M. Davis was conducted by Larry Crowe on December 8, 2016, in Richmond, Virginia, and was recorded on 8 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Judge Andre M. Davis (1949 -) was appointed to the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland in 1995 by President Bill Clinton. In 2009, he was appointed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit by President Barack Obama.

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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:

Davis, Andre Maurice 1949-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Davis, Andre Maurice 1949---Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Appellate Court Judge

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 The Honorable Andre M. Davis, Section A2016_101_001_001, TRT: 1:28:21 ?

Video Oral History Interview with The Honorable Andre M. Davis, Section A2016_101_001_002, TRT: 2:30:44 ?

Video Oral History Interview with The Honorable Andre M. Davis, Section A2016_101_001_003,

TRT: 3:29:10 ?

Video Oral History Interview with The Honorable Andre M. Davis, Section A2016_101_001_004,
TRT: 4:29:04 ?

Video Oral History Interview with The Honorable Andre M. Davis, Section A2016_101_001_005,
TRT: 5:29:47 ?

Video Oral History Interview with The Honorable Andre M. Davis, Section A2016_101_001_006,
TRT: 6:28:16 ?

Video Oral History Interview with The Honorable Andre M. Davis, Section A2016_101_001_007,
TRT: 7:30:01 ?

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TRT: 8:29:19 ?