

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with The Honorable Charles N. Clevert, Jr.

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Clevert, Charles N. (Charles Nelson), 1947-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with The Honorable Charles N. Clevert, Jr.,
Dates:	February 22, 2017
Bulk Dates:	2017
Physical Description:	8 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:18:24).
Abstract:	Federal judge Charles N. Clevert, Jr. (1947 -) Clevert was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on February 22, 2017, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2017_057
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Federal judge Charles N. Clevert, Jr. was born on October 11, 1947 in Richmond, Virginia to Charles Nelson, Sr. and Ruby Clevert. He attended Armstrong High School in Richmond and graduated in 1965. He earned his B.A. degree from Davis and Elkins College in Elkins, West Virginia in 1969, and his J.D. degree from Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C. in 1972.

Clevert began his career as the assistant district attorney of Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. In 1975, he became an assistant U.S. attorney of the Eastern District of Wisconsin. Clevert then became a special assistant U.S. attorney for the Northern District of Illinois in 1977. During the same year, Clevert was appointed as a U.S. bankruptcy judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin. He served as bankruptcy judge until 1995, during which time he held the position as chief judge from 1986 until the end of his tenure. Clevert also lectured at the University of Wisconsin Law School. Following his retirement from the bankruptcy court, Clevert was appointed as judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin in 1996. Clevert served as chief judge from 2009 until 2012; at which time he became senior judge on the court. He assumed his senior status on October 31, 2012.

Clevert served as chair of the Federal Judiciary Center's Advisory Committee on District Judge Education, as president of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges and as chair of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges' Endowment for Education. He was also a member of the American Bar Association House of Delegates the National Conference of Federal Trial Judges' Executive Committee, and the American Jury Project. Clevert also established two programs, the Charles N. Clevert, Jr. Mentoring Program and the Charles N. Clevert, Jr., Internship Program.

In 1993, Clevert was awarded the Black Excellence Award by the *Milwaukee Times*. He was also the recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award from David and Elkins College in 1998.

Clevert and his wife, Leslie Clevert, have two children, Charles, III and Melanie.

Charles N, Clevert, Jr. was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on February 22, 2017.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with The Honorable Charles N. Clevert, Jr. was conducted by Larry Crowe on February 22, 2017, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and was recorded on 8 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Federal judge Charles N. Clevert, Jr. (1947 -)

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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.

Controlled Access Terms

This interview collection is indexed under the following controlled access subject terms.

Persons:

Clevert, Charles N. (Charles Nelson), 1947-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Clevert, Charles N. (Charles Nelson), 1947- --Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Federal 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 Charles N. Clevert, Jr., Section A2017_057_001_001, TRT: 1:27:56 ?

Video Oral History Interview with The Honorable Charles N. Clevert, Jr., Section A2017_057_001_002, TRT: 2:28:44 ?

Video Oral History Interview with The Honorable Charles N. Clevert, Jr., Section A2017_057_001_003, TRT: 3:30:26 ?

Video Oral History Interview with The Honorable Charles N. Clevert, Jr., Section
A2017_057_001_004, TRT: 4:28:06 ?

Video Oral History Interview with The Honorable Charles N. Clevert, Jr., Section
A2017_057_001_005, TRT: 5:27:11 ?

Video Oral History Interview with The Honorable Charles N. Clevert, Jr., Section
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A2017_057_001_008, TRT: 8:11:18 ?