

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Rebecca Ford Terry

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Terry, Rebecca Ford, 1959-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Rebecca Ford Terry,
Dates:	February 24, 2018
Bulk Dates:	2018
Physical Description:	5 uncompressed MOV digital video files (2:27:51).
Abstract:	Lawyer Rebecca Ford Terry (1959 -) worked as the president of Istonford Intermedia, senior vice president and general counsel at Draper & Kramer, and associate general counsel for City Colleges of Chicago before joining Scharf Banks Marmor LLC. Terry was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on February 24, 2018, in Chicago, Illinois. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2018_028
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Lawyer Rebecca Ford Terry was born on January 11, 1959 in Gary, Indiana to Dorothy and Frederick C. Ford, vice president and chief financial officer of Draper and Kramer. Terry graduated from Wirt High School in 1976, and received her B.A. degree in history from Harvard University in 1980. She then earned her J.D. degree from the University of Chicago Law School in 1984, and clerked for Judge Harry D. Leinenweber of the Northern District of Illinois and Judge William S. White of the Illinois Appellate Court. In 2008, Terry earned her L.L.M. degree in real estate from John Marshall Law School.

From 1989 to 1994, Terry worked as an attorney at White & Case LLP; and from 1995 to 1998, she served as vice president of litigation and intellectual property at Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. Terry became the president of Isonford Intermedia and acting director of emerging domestic markets for the Milken Institute in 1998. In 2000, she joined Urban Entertainment, where she served as general counsel until 2002, when she became the senior vice president, general counsel, and corporate secretary at Draper & Kramer. In 2010, Terry was named associate general counsel for the City Colleges of Chicago, a position she held until 2013, when she became managing attorney at the Chicago office of the Hardwick Law Firm. In 2017, Terry accepted a counsel position at Scharf Banks Marmor LLC. In addition to her legal career, Terry began writing a movie review column in the *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin* in 2017. Her movie, book and theater reviews have also been published in the *Chicago Reporter*, *Chicago Tribune*, *The New York Law Journal*, and *The Milken Institute Review*.

Terry served on the board of directors of numerous organizations, including the Field Museum of Natural History, the Chicago Humanities Festival and the Heartland Society as well as the advisory board of African American Legacy. She also served as co-chair of the Leadership Advisory Committee at the Art Institute of Chicago, and as a trustee of the Goodman Theater. Terry held memberships at the Chicago Bar Association, the National Association of Bond Lawyers and the National Association of Women Lawyers. Rebecca Ford Terry is married to journalist Don Terry.

Rebecca Ford Terry was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on February 24, 2018.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Rebecca Ford Terry was conducted by Larry Crowe on February 24, 2018, in Chicago, Illinois, and was recorded on 5 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Lawyer Rebecca Ford Terry (1959 -) worked as the president of Istonford Intermedia, senior vice president and general counsel at Draper & Kramer, and associate general counsel for City Colleges of Chicago before joining Scharf Banks Marmor LLC.

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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:

Terry, Rebecca Ford, 1959-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Terry, Rebecca Ford, 1959- --Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Corporate Lawyer

HistoryMakers® Category:

LawMakers

Administrative Information

Custodial History

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Preferred Citation

The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Rebecca Ford Terry, February 24, 2018. The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection, 1900 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

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 Rebecca Ford Terry, Section A2018_028_001_001, TRT: 1:29:02 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Rebecca Ford Terry, Section A2018_028_001_002, TRT: 2:28:43 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Rebecca Ford Terry, Section A2018_028_001_003, TRT:
3:28:39 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Rebecca Ford Terry, Section A2018_028_001_004, TRT:
4:28:05 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Rebecca Ford Terry, Section A2018_028_001_005, TRT:
5:33:22 ?