

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with The Honorable Zulima Farber

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Farber, Zulima, 1944-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with The Honorable Zulima Farber,
Dates:	October 23, 2018
Bulk Dates:	2018
Physical Description:	7 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:00:52).
Abstract:	Lawyer Zulima Farber (1944 -) was the former attorney general of New Jersey and the first Latina to serve as acting governor of New Jersey. Farber was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on October 23, 2018, in New York, New York. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2018_200
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Lawyer Zulima Farber was born on September 21, 1944 in El Caney, Cuba to Lourdes Portes Feraud and Castulo Feraud. She left Cuba along with her oldest brother and sister and moved to St. Mary, Jamaica to attend boarding school in 1958. She returned to Cuba in 1960 and continued her education until 1961, when she and her siblings then moved to West New York, New Jersey where she graduated from Memorial High School. Farber received her B.A. degree in Spanish in 1968, and her M.A. degree in Spanish literature in 1970, both from Montclair State College. Farber then attended Rutgers School of Law-Newark where she earned her J.D. degree in 1974.

In 1974, Farber worked as a City of Newark Department of Health and Welfare legal specialist. In 1975, she was named Bergen County assistant prosecutor and served as grand jury section chief in 1976 and trial section assistant chief in 1977. The following year, Farber was appointed assistant counsel to Governor Brendan Byrne. In 1981, she joined the law firm of Lowenstein Sandler LLP; and, in 1986, became the first female to be made partner. In 1992, Farber served as the State of New Jersey public advocate/public defender. She returned to Lowenstein Sandler in 1994, serving on the firm's executive committee in 1995. Farber was appointed state attorney general in 2006 and became the first African American female and Hispanic in this role as well as the first Hispanic female to serve as acting governor of New Jersey. In 2011, Farber rejoined Lowenstein Sandler before retiring in 2012.

In 1983, Farber served as Hispanic Bar Association of New Jersey board member and president. In 1992, she was the New Jersey State Bar Association's nominating committee vice chair. She also served on boards of the New Jersey Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights from 1987 to 2006. Named an American Bar Foundation fellow, Farber joined the *New Jersey Lawyer* editorial board in 1995. The next year, she was a member of the New Jersey Electoral College. In 2001, Farber served on the New Jersey Bipartisan Congressional Redistricting Commission, and was named member of the new executive committee for the Latinas United for Political Empowerment PAC.

In 1996, Farber received the Mary Philbrook Public Interest Award from Rutgers Law School-Camden's Women's

Law Caucus, and in 1997, the Outstanding Achievement Award from National Association of Cuban-American Women and the Equal Justice Medal from Legal Services of New Jersey. In 1999, Farber received the Women's Political Caucus of New Jersey's Barbara Boggs Sigmund Award. In 2006, she received the Montclair State University honorary doctorate of laws. She was the recipient of the New Jersey State Bar Association Mel Narol Award, Hispanic Bar Association Public Service Award and Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Foundation Award of Excellence.

Zulima Farber was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on October 23, 2018.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with The Honorable Zulima Farber was conducted by Harriette Cole on October 23, 2018, in New York, New York, and was recorded on 7 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Lawyer Zulima Farber (1944 -) was the former attorney general of New Jersey and the first Latina to serve as acting governor of New Jersey.

Restrictions

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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:

Farber, Zulima, 1944-

Cole, Harriette (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews
Farber, Zulima, 1944- --Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Lawyer

HistoryMakers® Category:

LawMakers

Administrative Information

Custodial History

Interview footage was recorded by The HistoryMakers®. All rights to the interview have been transferred to The HistoryMakers® by the interview subject through a signed interview release form. Signed interview release forms have been deposited with Jenner & Block, LLP, Chicago.

Preferred Citation

The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with The Honorable Zulima Farber, October 23, 2018.
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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

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Video Oral History Interview with The Honorable Zulima Farber, Section A2018_200_001_002, TRT: 2:28:56 ?

Video Oral History Interview with The Honorable Zulima Farber, Section A2018_200_001_003, TRT: 3:28:56 ?

Video Oral History Interview with The Honorable Zulima Farber, Section A2018_200_001_004, TRT: 4:28:32 ?

Video Oral History Interview with The Honorable Zulima Farber, Section A2018_200_001_005, TRT: 5:29:32 ?

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