

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Roderick Palmore

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Palmore, Roderick, 1952-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Roderick Palmore,
Dates:	July 10, 2019
Bulk Dates:	2019
Physical Description:	9 uncompressed MOV digital video files (4:02:19).
Abstract:	Lawyer Roderick Palmore (1952-) served as executive vice president, general counsel and chief compliance and risk management officer for General Mills, Inc. and executive vice president and general counsel for Sara Lee Corporation. Palmore was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on July 10, 2019, in Chicago, Illinois. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2019_051
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Lawyer Roderick Palmore was born on February 14, 1952 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to Jefferson and Sophie Palmore. He attended Mellon Plan Elementary School and graduated from Gateway High School in Monroeville, Pennsylvania. Palmore received his B.A. degree in economics from Yale University in 1974, and his J.D. degree from the University of Chicago Law School in 1977.

In 1977, Palmore began his career with the Berkman Ruslander Pohl Lieber & Engel firm in Pittsburgh. He went on to serve as assistant United States attorney in the Northern District of Illinois in 1980, before joining Wildman, Harrold, Allen & Dixon as an associate in 1983. Palmore was promoted to partner in 1986. In 1993, Palmore joined Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal as a partner in the Chicago office. In 1996, he joined the Sara Lee Corporation, serving as general counsel from 1999 to 2008 and ultimately serving as executive vice president, general counsel and secretary from 2004 to 2008. Palmore joined General Mills, Inc in February 2008 as executive vice president, general counsel and chief compliance and risk management officer, and served in this capacity until his retirement from the company in 2015. Having previously been a part of the Sonnenschein firm, a Dentons legacy firm, Palmore rejoined the global law firm Dentons LLP as Senior Counsel in Chicago in 2015.

Palmore has served on the board of directors of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, Express Scripts and the Chicago Board Options Exchange. He was a former chair of the Association of General Counsel. He has also served on the boards of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Chicago, the Public Interest Law Initiative, the Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago and the United Way of Metropolitan Chicago.

In 2010, Palmore was named one of the 40 Most Influential Lawyers of the Decade by the National Law Journal. His other honors include the Corporate Exemplar Award from the National Legal Aid & Defender Association, the Spirit of Excellence Award from the American Bar Association, the Scales of Justice Award from the Equal Justice Works Foundation, as well as the Pinnacle Award for Lifetime Achievement from the National

Bar Association.

Roderick Palmore was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on July 10, 2019.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Roderick Palmore was conducted by Harriette Cole on July 10, 2019, in Chicago, Illinois, and was recorded on 9 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Lawyer Roderick Palmore (1952-) served as executive vice president, general counsel and chief compliance and risk management officer for General Mills, Inc. and executive vice president and general counsel for Sara Lee Corporation.

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:

Palmore, Roderick, 1952-

Cole, Harriette (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Palmore, Roderick, 1952---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 Roderick Palmore, July 10, 2019. 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 Roderick Palmore, Section A2019_051_001_001, TRT: 1:28:19
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Video Oral History Interview with Roderick Palmore, Section A2019_051_001_002, TRT: 2:29:06
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Video Oral History Interview with Roderick Palmore, Section A2019_051_001_003, TRT: 3:29:19
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Video Oral History Interview with Roderick Palmore, Section A2019_051_001_004, TRT: 4:30:40
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Video Oral History Interview with Roderick Palmore, Section A2019_051_001_005, TRT: 5:29:08
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Video Oral History Interview with Roderick Palmore, Section A2019_051_001_006, TRT: 6:29:22
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Video Oral History Interview with Roderick Palmore, Section A2019_051_001_007, TRT: 7:30:03
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