

Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Gregory M. Weston

PERSON

Weston, Gregory M., 1957-

Alternative Names: Gregory M. Weston;

Life Dates: July 27, 1957-

Place of Birth: New Rochelle, New York, USA

Residence: New Rochelle, NY

Work: New York, NY

Occupations: Lawyer

Biographical Note

Lawyer Gregory Weston was born on July 27, 1957 in New Rochelle, New York to Miriam Yvonne Drake and Milton Moran Weston. Weston attended Stephenson Elementary School, Albert Leonard Junior High School, and New Rochelle High School. In 1979, he received his B.A. degree in political science from Howard University, and went on to receive his J.D. degree from Columbia Law School in 1982.

In 1982, he joined Kaye Scholer Fierman Hays & Handler as an associate attorney. Weston served as an associate at White & Case law firm in 1986 before serving as assistant general counsel at New York Life Insurance Company in 1990. In 1996, Weston joined Thacher Proffitt & Wood as counsel. Two years later, he joined Battle Fowler LLP as a partner. In 2000, Weston was hired by Akin Gump LLP, where he served as senior counsel. In 2003, he served as senior director at Cushman & Wakefield real estate services. Three years later, he joined Nixon Peabody LLP as counsel. Weston was hired by Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP as senior counsel in 2010. Five years later, he moved to Winston & Strawn LLP to serve as a partner in the corporate group. At Winston & Strawn, he served on the Hiring Committee, Diversity and Inclusion Committee and as co-chair of the Black Lawyer Network affinity group, which he founded.

Weston has been a member of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity since 1999. He served as general counsel to the National Association of Investment Companies, as a member of the Real Estate Executive Council, as a governor appointee to the Real Estate Board of the State of New York, and as a State Senate appointee to the New York State Procurement Council. Weston was a founding trustee of Democracy Prep Charter School and a

trustee of Democracy Prep New York Schools. He served on the boards of Weston United, The Bridge New York, Leake and Watts, Associated Black Charities, and United Neighborhood Houses, and as the board president of Weston United Community Renewal. Weston also served on the Finance Committee for The Riverside Church and on the advisory board of Mobility Capital Finance.

In 1995, Weston received the Service Award from the New York State Bar Association for his work as chair on the Committee on Minorities in the Profession. He received the Whitney M. Young Jr. Service Award from the Boy Scouts of America in 2013, the “Partner in Caring” award from The Bridge New York in 2017, and the Champion of Liberty award from Foundations for Criminal Justice in 2018.

Weston and his wife, Laura Michelle Morris, have two children: Nicholas and Lauran.

Gregory Weston was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on August 20, 2019.

Related Entries

Howard University [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

B.A.,

Columbia Law School [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

J.D.

Stephenson Elementary School [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

Albert Leonard Middle School [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

New Rochelle High School [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

Thatcher Proffitt & Wood [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from ? to ?]

Counsel

Pillsbury LLP [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 2010 to 2015]

Senior Counsel

Winston & Strawn LLP [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 2015 to ?]

Partner

Kaye Scholer Fierman Hays & Handler [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1991 to ?]

Associate

White & Case [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 1988 to 1997]

Associate

New York Life Insurance Company [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from ? to ?]

Assistant General Counsel

Battle Fowler LLP [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 1966 to ?]

Partner

Akin Gump LLP [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from ? to ?]

Senior Counsel

Cushman & Wakefield [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from ? to ?]

Senior Director

Nixon Peabody LLP [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 1977 to ?]

Counsel

National Association of Investment Companies [MEMBEROf]
[from 2009 to ?]

General Counsel

Real Estate Executive Council [MEMBEROf]
[from 2015 to ?]

Member

New York State Real Estate Board [MEMBEROf]
[from 2009 to ?]

Board Member

New York State Procurement Council [MEMBEROf]
[from 2009 to 2015]

Board Member

Democracy Prep Charter School [MEMBEROf]
[from 2006 to 2017]

Founding Trustee

Weston United [MEMBEROf]
[from 2004 to ?]

Board Member, Board President

The Riverside Church [MEMBEROF]
[from ? to ?]

Member, Financial Committee

The Bridge [MEMBEROF]
[from 2016 to ?]

Board Member

Democracy Prep New York Charter Schools [MEMBEROF]
[from 2017 to ?]

Trustee

Mobility Capital Finance, Inc. [MEMBEROF]
[from 2017 to ?]

Board of Advisors

Leake and Watts [MEMBEROF]
[from ? to ?]

Board Member

Associated Black Charities [MEMBEROF]
[from ? to ?]

Board Member

United Neighborhood Charities [MEMBEROF]
[from 1990 to ?]

Board Member

Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity [MEMBEROF]
[from ? to ?]

Member