

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Gregory M. Weston

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Weston, Gregory M., 1957-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Gregory M. Weston,
Dates:	August 20, 2019
Bulk Dates:	2019
Physical Description:	9 uncompressed MOV digital video files (4:08:56).
Abstract:	Lawyer Gregory Weston (1957-) served as partner at Battle Fowler LLP and senior counsel at Akin Gump LLP and Pillsbury LLP, before serving as partner at Winston Strawn LLP. Weston was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on August 20, 2019, in Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2019_081
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

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.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Gregory M. Weston was conducted by Julieanna L. Richardson on August 20, 2019, in Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, and was recorded on 9 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Lawyer Gregory Weston (1957-) served as partner at Battle Fowler LLP and senior counsel at Akin Gump LLP and Pillsbury LLP, before serving as partner at Winston Strawn LLP.

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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:

Weston, Gregory M., 1957-

Richardson, Julieanna L. (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews
Weston, Gregory M., 1957---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

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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 Gregory M. Weston, Section A2019_081_001_001, TRT: 1:29:51 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Gregory M. Weston, Section A2019_081_001_002, TRT: 2:29:25 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Gregory M. Weston, Section A2019_081_001_003, TRT: 3:30:21 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Gregory M. Weston, Section A2019_081_001_004, TRT: 4:29:04 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Gregory M. Weston, Section A2019_081_001_006, TRT: 6:33:19 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Gregory M. Weston, Section A2019_081_001_007, TRT: 7:29:23 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Gregory M. Weston, Section A2019_081_001_008, TRT: 8:29:49 ?

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