

SAVING YESTERDAY TODAY FOR TOMORROW:
A GUIDE TO ORAL HISTORY
FOR THE BENCH AND BAR

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PRELIMINARY GENERAL OUTLINE FOR ORAL HISTORY

(to be submitted to narrator)

Full name; date and place of birth

Background

- Family
- Childhood
- Education
- Community
- Law School
- Military Service

Early Work Experiences

- First job
- Responsibilities
- Colleagues

Continuing Legal Career

- Major cases and matters
- Evolution of your practice
- Changes in the law
- Involvement in local, state, and national politics
- Recollections of judges and lawyers
- Other colleagues
- Technological innovations

Judicial work (if appropriate)

- How appointed to the bench
- Judicial philosophy/public policy
- Major cases
- Evolution of and changes in the law
- Changes in procedures
- Colleagues: judges, lawyers
- Judicial administration

Community activities

- Professional, economic, and social atmosphere of local community
- Bar association involvement; other professional associations
- Impact of local and national political and economic events
- Retirement activities
- Overview of your career