Descriptive Summary

Title: California Appellate Court Legacy Project oral history interviews

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Creator/Collector: California Appellate Court Legacy Project Committee.

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Abstract: California Appellate Court Legacy Project interview transcripts, biographical materials and video recordings of oral history interviews of retired justices of the California Court of Appeal, First through Sixth Appellate Districts. Interviews date from 2006 to the present.

Language of Material: English

Access

The California Appellate Court Legacy Project oral history interview transcripts and video recordings are open for research. Access copies of video recordings, interview transcripts, photographs, and biographies of justices who have been interviewed by the project are available online via the California Courts website at http://www.courts.ca.gov/4199.htm.

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Biography/Administrative History

The California Appellate Court Legacy Project was undertaken in 2006 as a statewide effort to develop original sources for the study of the California Court of Appeal, First through Sixth Appellate Districts. The project records and preserves the oral histories of retired justices of and justices nearing retirement from the California Court of Appeal. The majority of the interviews have been conducted by justices serving in the same appellate district as the justice being interviewed. Prior to each interview, the California Judicial Center Library compiles background materials including biographical, decisional and bibliographic data about justices to be interviewed. Background materials are listed in the library catalog, available at http://library.courtinfo.ca.gov. The Appellate Court Legacy Project Committee and staff of the Judicial Council of California continue to schedule interviews with justices as they retire from the bench.

Scope and Content of Collection

The California Appellate Court Legacy Project is comprised of more than 90 videotaped interviews of retired justices of and justices nearing retirement from the California Court of Appeal, First through Sixth Appellate Districts. Interviews date from 2006 to the present. The majority of the interviews have been conducted by justices serving in the same appellate district as the justice being interviewed. The California Judicial Center Library's holdings include video recordings, interview transcripts, biographical materials, and other records relevant to the project. Oral history interviews cover personal and professional recollections and include discussions relating to early life, education, judicial careers and other government service, judicial philosophies, significant historical events, and notable opinions, concurrences and dissents. The Appellate Court Legacy Project Committee and staff of the Judicial Council of California continue to schedule oral history interviews with justices as they retire from the bench and the California Judicial Center Library will continue to add material to this collection on a regular basis.

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