

Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Reuben A. Munday

PERSON

Munday, Reuben A., 1947-

Alternative Names: Reuben A. Munday;

Life Dates: March 2, 1947-

Place of Birth: Orange, New Jersey, USA

Residence: Detroit, MI

Work: Detroit, MI

Occupations: Real Estate Lawyer; Commercial Lawyer

Biographical Note

Attorney Reuben Alexander Munday was born on March 2, 1947, in East Orange, New Jersey. Attending Logan Nursery School and Chambliss Children's House, Munday graduated from Wyoming Seminary School, a boarding school in Kingston, Pennsylvania. Earning his B.A. in English in 1971, Munday worked for Cornell University's Office of Public Information from 1972 to 1974; he received his M.P.S. degree in African American Studies in 1974, and enrolled in the University of Michigan Law School, graduating in 1976.

In 1977, Munday became an associate with the Detroit firm of Lewis, White, Clay and Graves (now Lewis and Munday). President of the firm from 1994 to 2003, Munday's primary areas of practice included real estate acquisition and sale, commercial leases, mortgage financing, commercial and industrial real estate development, and problem real estate loan work outs. Munday's firm represented various municipal corporations in the development of major projects in the city of Detroit, including the Trolley Plaza Apartments; Trappers Alley; the Robert L. Millender Center; the Madison Center Court House; the Cobo Hall Expansion Project; the Chrysler Jefferson Avenue Assembly Plant; and the Chrysler Mack Avenue Engine Plant. Munday served as the first African American general counsel to downtown Detroit development during Mayor Coleman Young's administration.

A sought after teacher and speaker on continuing legal education, Munday was also a member of many legal associations, including the American Bar Association; Detroit Bar Association; the Wolverine Bar Association; and the National Bar Association. A board member of Big Brothers/Big Sisters, St. John Health System Finance Committee,

Fund for Detroit's Future, City of Detroit Board of Ethics, National Conference for Community and Justice, City Year Detroit, and St. John Riverview Hospital, Munday married Dr. Cheryl Munday, with whom he had a son.

Related Entries

Chambliss Children's House at Tuskegee Institute [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Wyoming Seminary Upper School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Cornell University [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

B.A.

Cornell University [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

M.P.S

University of Michigan [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

J.D.

Lewis & Munday, A Professional Corporation [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1977 to ?]

Partner