

# Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with David Chaumette

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## Overview of the Collection

<b>Repository:</b>	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
<b>Creator:</b>	Chaumette, David A., 1968-
<b>Title:</b>	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with David Chaumette,
<b>Dates:</b>	March 3, 2014
<b>Bulk Dates:</b>	2014
<b>Physical Description:</b>	8 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:51:09).
<b>Abstract:</b>	Litigator David Chaumette (1968 - ) , founder and partner of the law firm Chaumette PLLC, was named the first African American president of the Houston Bar Association in 2013. Chaumette was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on March 3, 2014, in Houston, Texas. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
<b>Identification:</b>	A2014_067
<b>Language:</b>	The interview and records are in English.

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## Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Lawyer David A. Chaumette was born in London, England in 1968, and grew up in Sugar Land, Texas. He received his B.S.E. degree, cum laude, from Princeton University, his M.S. degree in aeronautics/astronautics from Stanford University, and his J.D. degree from the University of Chicago Law School.

In 1994, Chaumette was hired as an associate at the law firm of Mayor, Day, Caldwell & Keeton. From 1998 to 2002, he worked for the Houston, Texas law firm of Porter & Hedges LLP. From 2002 until 2011, Chaumette served as a partner at the law firms of Shook Hardy & Bacon, Baker & McKenzie, and De la Rosa & Chaumette. In December of 2011, he founded the Sugar Land based law firm, Chaumette PLLC, which specializes in business litigation. In 2013, Chaumette was named the first African American president of the Houston Bar Association (HBA).

Chaumette was president of the Houston Young Lawyers Association from 2003 to 2004, and has served on the boards of directors and executive committees for the Houston Bar Association and Neighborhood Centers, Inc. He has also been the president or chair of several other organizations, including Leadership Houston, the Houston Lawyers Foundation, and First Colony Little League. His professional memberships include the National Bar Association, the Houston Lawyer Association, the College of the State Bar of Texas and the Pro Bono College of the State Bar of Texas. In addition, Chaumette is a fellow of the American Law Institute and the Litigation Counsel of America, and has written numerous articles that have been published in magazines and scholarly journals. In 2004, Chaumette was named as one of the Five Outstanding Young Houstonians by the Houston Junior Chamber of Commerce and one of the Five Outstanding Young Texans by the Texas Junior Chamber of Commerce. He was named to the Visitors Committee of the South Texas College of Law in Houston in 2005, and was named one of the 500 New Stars by Lawdragon.com in 2006. In 2009, Chaumette was recognized as an Extraordinary Minority in Texas Law by *Texas Lawyer Magazine*. In 2011, he received the Standing Ovation award from the Texas Bar for his service to TexasBarCLE. Chaumette has also been named "Texas Rising Star" and a "Super Lawyer" by *Law &*

*Politics Magazine* for several consecutive years.

Chaumette lives in Sugar Land, and has two sons, Raphael and Alexandre.

David Chaumette was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on March 3, 2014.

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# Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with David Chaumette was conducted by Larry Crowe on March 3, 2014, in Houston, Texas, and was recorded on 8 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Litigator David Chaumette (1968 - ), founder and partner of the law firm Chaumette PLLC, was named the first African American president of the Houston Bar Association in 2013.

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# Restrictions

## Restrictions on Access

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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.

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# Controlled Access Terms

This interview collection is indexed under the following controlled access subject terms.

## Persons:

Chaumette, David A., 1968-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

## Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Chaumette, David A., 1968---Interviews

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# Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

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The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

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# Occupations:

Litigator

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# HistoryMakers® Category:

LawMakers

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# 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).

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# 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.

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# Detailed Description of the Collection

## Series I: Original Interview Footage

Video Oral History Interview with David Chaumette, Section A2014\_067\_001\_001, TRT: 1:28:51  
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Video Oral History Interview with David Chaumette, Section A2014\_067\_001\_002, TRT: 2:29:46  
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Video Oral History Interview with David Chaumette, Section A2014\_067\_001\_003, TRT: 3:28:15  
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Video Oral History Interview with David Chaumette, Section A2014\_067\_001\_004, TRT: 4:30:41  
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Video Oral History Interview with David Chaumette, Section A2014\_067\_001\_005, TRT: 5:27:27  
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Video Oral History Interview with David Chaumette, Section A2014\_067\_001\_006, TRT: 6:28:51  
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Video Oral History Interview with David Chaumette, Section A2014\_067\_001\_007, TRT: 7:29:58  
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Video Oral History Interview with David Chaumette, Section A2014\_067\_001\_008, TRT: 8:27:20  
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