Basic Detail Report

Title Interview with Judge Antoinette L. Dupont

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Primary Maker Antoinette L. Dupont

Description Oral history interview with Judge Antoinette L. Dupont who was interviewed by Kate Stith on October 25, 2000 for the Connecticut Bar Foundation's History of Connecticut Women in the Legal Profession Project. Topics Disscused: - Early Life: Antoinette Dupont was born in New York City on January 10, 1929. She grew up in New London, Connecticut. Her father was a pharmacist, and her mother was a secretary to a Broadway producer. - Education: She attended public schools in New London and graduated from Williams Memorial Institute, an all-girls high school. She then attended Brown University. She majored in political science. - Law School: She decided to go to law school during the summer of 1948 while participating in "Students in Government" in Washington D.C., where she worked for the Smithsonian Institute and witnessed a special session of Congress called by President Truman. - Harvard Law School: She attended Harvard Law School, starting in 1951, as part of the second class of women admitted. There were about 19 women out of 525 students in her class, with around 10 graduating. - Dean Erwin Griswold and his wife Harriet. - Family: Returned to New London, Connecticut. She married Ralph Dupont, who she knew from Brown University, and they had three children. - Private Practice: She worked at various firms in New London, including Suisman Shapiro & Wool, where she practiced general civil practice,

primarily plaintiffs' litigation. - Dupont and Dupont: She formed her own law firm with her husband around 1963. - Political and Community Involvement: She ran for and won a seat on the Board of Education in New London. - League of Women Voters and the American Association of University Women. - Legacy Organization: provided legal services for the poor in the early sixties. - Judicial Appointment: She was appointed a judge to the Court of Common Pleas in 1977 by Governor Ella Grasso, becoming the first woman to be appointed from southeastern Connecticut. The Court of Common Pleas later merged into the Superior Court in 1978.

Dimensions Duration (Part 1): 55 Minutes, 28 Seconds Duration (Part 2): 58 Minutes, 50 Seconds Duration (total runtime): 1 Hour, 54 Minutes, 18 Seconds