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Title Interview with Linda Kelly

Date 2016 November 9

Primary Maker Linda Kelly

Description Oral history interview with Linda Kelly who was interviewed by Constance Belton Green on November 9, 2016 for the Connecticut Bar Foundation's History of Connecticut Women in the Legal Profession Project. Topics Discussed: - Early Life: Linda Kelly was born in 1949 and grew up in Salisbury, North Carolina. - Early Education and School: Her early education took place in segregated all-Black institutions in North Carolina. In the early 1960s, she was among the first African-American students to integrate the all-white high school in Salisbury. - College Education: She attended the University of North Carolina in Greensboro. She initially had an interest in science but ultimately majored in Psychology. - Transition to Law and Early Career: After graduating, she moved to the West Coast to visit her brother who was in the Marine Corps. She worked as a probation officer, which sparked her interest in law. She decided to attend law school, choosing the University of Connecticut School of Law in 1972 (graduated in 1976 and was sworn into the Connecticut Bar). Her first legal job was at Hartford National Bank and Trust Company. - Balancing Career, Family, and Community: Linda Kelly married in 1976 and had two children. She emphasized balancing work, marriage, and community activities from the start of her career. - Community Engagement and Professional Networks : She was involved in community activities in the Blue

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Hills neighborhood, including the Blue Hills Civic Association. She was also

involved with non-profits, her church, and helped form Women in Crisis.

Professionally, she was part of Hartford Area Women Attorneys. - Career

Progression and Legacy : Recalls her career progress from banking to serving as

a Public Utilities Commissioner for the State of Connecticut.

Dimensions Duration: 8 Minutes, 59 Seconds