



Guide to the Jeffery Silver oral history interview

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Summary Information

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In two interview sessions, Silver describes the three times Frank "Lefty" Rosenthal came before the Board and was ultimately denied licenses--the third and final time occurred after Silver's term. He also recalls his legal career with the firm Lionel Sawyer Collins, Nevada's North/South power struggle, his relationship with Oscar Goodman, The National Museum of Organized Crime and Law Enforcement (The Mob Museum), his work at The Landmark (1979-1983) during the Wolfram/Tickel era of ownership, his work at the Riviera (ca. 1983-1984) under owner Meshulam Riklis, his short stint at Caesars World (1984), and his various law partnerships over his 50 years of practice. He also discusses health issues, retirement, charitable organizations, and concludes with his 2020 induction into the Gaming Hall of Fame and being introduced by Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and CEO and President of MGM Resorts International, William Hornbuckle. Digital audio and photographs available; no transcript available.

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Names and Subjects

- Oral histories (document genres)
- Accounting
- Gaming -- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Goodman, Oscar Baylin, 1939-
- Nevada. State Gaming Control Board
- Cornero, Tony (Anthony Stralla), 1899-1995