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## Supreme Court Historical Advisory Board Unveils Oral Histories

The New Jersey Supreme Court Historical Advisory Board has unveiled in-depth oral history interviews of retired Associate Justices Gary S. Stein and Stewart G. Pollock.

The interviews, conducted in collaboration with the Rutgers Oral History Archives (ROHA), gives the public a detailed view into the lives and careers of the justices, beginning with their childhoods and education through their careers on and off the Court and their years after retirement.

The interviews can be viewed at the Historical Advisory Board's Virtual Museum: [njcourts.gov](http://njcourts.gov)

"The justices, in their own words, give their views on why they aspired to careers in the law and why serving on the New Jersey Supreme Court is such a privilege and honor," said retired Associate Justice James H. Coleman Jr., advisory board chair who also will participate in the ROHA project. "These interviews are a great way for current and future generations to hear directly from those who have impacted the lives of New Jerseyans."

In addition to Justices Stein, Pollock and Coleman, others who will be interviewed include retired Chief Justices Deborah T. Poritz and James R. Zazzali and retired Associate Justices Virginia Long and John E. Wallace Jr.

The interviews were conducted by a staff member from ROHA and were recorded by a staff videographer in the Judiciary's Office of Communications and Community Relations.

In addition to their inclusion in the Virtual Museum, the interviews also will be posted to the ROHA website.

"This project will give the people in New Jersey a glimpse of the person behind the robe," said retired Judge Amy Piro Chambers, a board member who initiated and coordinates the project with ROHA. "One comes away with a sense of wonder at the varied career paths – and many came from humble beginnings – that led to the Court and the careful thought and humanity that went into the difficult and complex decisions they made."

Chief Justice Stuart Rabner formed the Supreme Court Historical Advisory Board in 2016 to preserve the history of the Supreme Court. The board is composed of sitting and retired justices and judges as well as law school professors and deans and attorneys.

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