

# A Guide to the Judge Philip Trompeter Oral History Interview, 2009

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## Descriptive Summary

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### Abstract

Oral history interview of Judge Philip Trompeter, Roanoke County Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court since 1983.

**Creator**

Supreme Court of Virginia Historical Commission.

**Extent**

1 mini video cassette (DV camera) 2 hours, 17 min., sound, color; 1 transcript (51 p.).

**Repository**

Supreme Court of Virginia Archives, Virginia State Law Library

## Administrative Information

**Access Restrictions**

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## Biographical/Historical Information

The Supreme Court of Virginia Historical Commission was established in 2006 to preserve and promote the history of the court. Oral history interviews of retired Supreme Court justices, Court of Appeals judges, other individuals associated with the court, and civil rights attorneys were begun in 2007. The project is ongoing.

Judge Philip Trompeter (b. 1952), was appointed Roanoke County Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court Judge in 1983. Before that, he worked on revisions to the code on mental health issues. He was born and reared in Roanoke and attended New York University, where he earned a B.A. degree in 1974. He earned a J.D. from the University of Richmond School of Law in 1977.

## Scope and Content

In the interview of Judge Philip Trompeter, conducted by Cassandra Newby-Alexander October 9, 2009 (2 hours, 17 minutes), Trompeter talks about his early years in downtown Roanoke, where his parents operated a bakery; his parents, both of whom were first-generation Jewish immigrants to the U.S., and attending college at New York University and law school at the University of Richmond. He discusses his experience working on revisions to mental health legislation in Virginia in the early 1980s, his appointment to the bench, and his experiences as a Juvenile and Domestic Relations judge in Roanoke.

## Index Terms

Newby-Alexander, Cassandra, 1956-.

Trompeter, Philip, 1952-.

Virginia -- Supreme Court -- Historical Commission.

Domestic courts -- Virginia -- History.

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