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Meet Bill Schultz, Treasurer of the Historical Society

Bill has been an active member of the Society for many years and has served as its Treasurer since 2004. He has taken two oral histories for the Society -- of Judge William B. Bryant, for whom he clerked, and Warner Gardner-- and he is currently working on two others, Society President Steve Pollak and Judge Paul Friedman.

A partner at Zuckerman Spaeder LLP, Bill represents state and local governments, generic drug manufacturers, and advocacy groups in litigation and before federal agencies. Previously, as deputy assistant attorney general in the Civil Division of the Department of Justice, he supervised *United States v. Philip Morris*, which was one of the largest lawsuits ever filed by the federal government. Earlier, he served as deputy commissioner for policy of the Food and Drug Administration, counsel to the House Subcommittee on Health and the Environment, and as an attorney at the Public Citizen Litigation Group.

Chair of the Board for the Center for Science in the Public Interest and General Counsel of the Reagan-Udall Foundation, Bill is being honored by *The Legal Times* for his multi-year effort to give the FDA authority to regulate tobacco and to restrict sales and advertising of tobacco products aimed at children. He has been named one of the "100 Most Influential Lawyers in America" by *The National Law Journal*.



Watch and listen as key participants in Watergate-era events discuss "Who Solved Watergate?" :

This lively panel discussion, sponsored by the Historical Society of the D.C. Circuit, took place at the Circuit's Judicial Conference in June 2010 in celebration of the Society's 20th anniversary. [Listen to the views](#) of seven people who were there as Watergate events unfolded: Richard A. Azzaro, Richard Ben-Veniste, John W. Dean, Rufus Edmisten, Earl Silbert, Barry Sussman, and moderator Carl Stern.



Recent Oral Histories

The following additional oral histories can now be viewed on the Society's website:

James F. Davey, Esq., Clerk of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, 1970 - 1991.

David Ginsburg, Esq., Ginsburg, Feldman & Bress, Chartered

David B. Isbell, Covington & Burling LLP

Hon. Henry H. Kennedy, Jr., U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, 1997 - present

Hon. John H. Pratt, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, 1968 - 1995.



Excerpts from an Oral History in the Historical Society's collection

From the oral history of Judge Gerhart Gesell:

"In retrospect, it is almost unbelievable that the New Deal and what it stood for could ignore the problems of the black citizens. Not only was the city [Washington, D.C.] a totally segregated town but often in early days while walking to work, as I did for years, a black gentleman coming toward you might step off the curb, take his hat off as you walked by and say 'Good morning.' Most of us, a thing to be ashamed of, were really not conscious of the degree of isolation that existed for blacks. We were wrapped up in matters that appeared to be of great national concern. Roosevelt did not address black discrimination until very late in his presidency, when he did take some halting steps in the military."