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**JEAN BLACKWELL
ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW, 5 DECEMBER 2013**

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Jean Blackwell was born in Dublin, Georgia, in 1954, to Price and Jean Babb Blackwell. As a young child, her parents moved the family to Crawfordsville, Indiana, where she spent her formative years. She graduated from the College of William and Mary with a bachelor's degree in economics and then completed a juris doctor degree at the University of Michigan Law School. She served as partner in the Indianapolis law firm Bose McKinney & Evans from 1979 to 1991 and then 1995 to 1997. From 1991 through 1992, she served as executive director of the State Lottery Commission for the State of Indiana. She then was Indiana's state budget director from 1992 to 1995. She joined Cummins Inc. in 1997 and stayed there until 2013, when she retired as the executive vice president of corporate responsibility. Currently, she resides in Indianapolis, Indiana, with her spouse, Kim Williams.

The following interview is one of a collection of oral history interviews devoted to collecting life stories of prominent Indiana women involved in business, education, law, philanthropy, politics, and religion. All of the women interviewed for this project were selected from within the membership of The Gathering, an informal networking group of approximately 175 Indiana women leaders which began around 1990. This group meets four times a year over lunch to hear from speakers and guests on subjects of interest to the group that facilitate discussion and enhance knowledge of current issues and events. There is no organized fundraising by or on behalf of the group, no lobbying, no partisan political activity, no charitable or volunteer commitments required. The Indianapolis Women's Oral History Project (initially known as The Gathering Oral History Project) was organized in 2013 by the members of The Gathering and conducted with the assistance and supervision of the Indiana Historical Society (IHS).

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Readers of this oral history interview should bear in mind that it is a transcript of the spoken word. Although the transcript has been lightly edited, the editor has diligently sought to preserve its informal, conversational style, as well as the integrity of the interview's content. IHS is not responsible for the factual accuracy of the interview's content or for the views expressed within.

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