



## Sample Questions for St. Mary's Law Stories

### Introduction to process. State the following:

- The date is \_\_\_\_\_
- This interview is by \_\_\_\_\_
- It is an interview to collect the stories of \_\_\_\_\_ for the St. Mary's Law Stories Video History Project.

### About your life now:

- Where do you live?
- Please, tell me about your family?
- What do you do for a living?
- What other activities interest you?

### Your early life in general:

- Where and when were you born?
- Can you tell me a bit about your family? Your parents?
- Where was your childhood?
- Where did you attend school?
- What stories from then seem important to you now?
- Where did you go to college? When, and what did you study for your degree?

### Life in law school:

- What made you decide to come to law school?
- When did you start?
- How did you choose St. Mary's for law study?
- Who were your closest friends in law school?
- Who were your favorite professors in law school?
- Where did you live during law school? What was it like?
- Did you work during law school?
- What stories do you remember from law school? Your professors? Your fellow students?
- What was the most helpful thing that happened in law school?
- What was the funniest thing that happened in law school?
- What was the hardest thing about law school?

- What was the best thing about law school?
- Who were your favorite teachers? Why?
- Who were your closest friends or allies? Tell us a story about them, please.

**Life after law school:**

- Life after law school: When? Who? What? Where? Why?
- Can you tell the story of how you started in practice, please?
- What case or client have you most enjoyed?
- What do you think was your greatest achievement in practice (or on the bench), so far?
- What do you think was the best story of a mistake you'd like law students to learn from?
- What lessons do you wish you'd known from the start?
- What story from your career taught you the most about being a lawyer?
- What story from your career depicts your greatest challenge to you as a lawyer?
- What story from your career as a lawyer do you think is the most interesting?
- Today, what does it mean to you to be a St. Mary's lawyer?

**The Future:**

- What is next for you?

**Wrap-up Questions:**

- Is there anything you would like for me to ask?
- Is there anything you would like to say you haven't said?
- Is there anything you really don't want to talk about or for me to raise on tape?