

Robert E. Jones interview on Atiyeh

An interview of Judge Robert E. Jones (1927-2025) regarding Oregon's Governor Victor Atiyeh, recorded on July 21, 2015. Jones served briefly as a Republican in the Oregon House of Representatives alongside Atiyeh in 1963, and was later appointed by Atiyeh as an Oregon Supreme Court Justice. The interviewer, James Moore, was as professor of political science at Pacific University and was Atiyeh's biographer.

The interview includes discussion of: Atiyeh's political career overall, his contributions to Oregon, and his personal relationships; how Jones met Atiyeh through Dr. Bob Fisher and their involvement in local politics from 1959; Atiyeh's legislative achievements including work on issues connected to wrongful deaths and workers' compensation; Atiyeh's bipartisan approach and honesty; how Atiyeh frustrated the adherents of the Rajneesh movement; Atiyeh's influence on judicial appointments; his relationship with Oregon's tribes and Native American issues; and his international trade efforts.

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[Recording begins mid-conversation.]

Robert E. Jones 00:01

First of all, Lon talked about "terrific Pacific."

James Moore 00:04

Oh, good. Okay, we're in favor of "terrific Pacific." I can put us on, on, yeah, yeah, absolutely, yeah. And so when he decided to donate his materials, he gave some feelers to U of O, but U of O would have buried it, not done anything more stuff for them. Whereas at Pacific, we were just excited as all get out. And so, so he we were, we were his university in his district, and then he served on our board of trustees for years. And in fact, one of the only parts of his archive that is restricted, because he gave it with no holds barred, like Bob Packwood or Mark Hatfield. You can look at all Vic's stuff right now, but the only part that's restricted is Vic was on as the Board of Trustees, was the head of a search committee that found one of our presidents. Oh, and so that's, that's it. That's restricted, okay? And for my book, I don't care, but yeah, that's, that's what, that's how we ended up there. So, so how did you meet Vic?

Robert E. Jones 01:21

Through a high school pal of his, Dr Bob Fisher. Bob Fisher was student body president at Washington and was a track star. Vic was a football player, and they were close friends, and Bob Fisher became a partner my uncle, Dr Lester Jones Pacific, and he introduced me to his pal. Dr Fisher introduced me his pal, Vic Atiyeh, and we were he Bob said to me, you should get in politics and do something. And because we were kind of, he was one of the originators of the trumpeters, yeah, yeah. And I he Bob got me into trumpeters highest and the second line, I think I'm the one of the oldest living, why I am the oldest living? Yeah, I think the trumpeters. So then Bob said, and you got to do more. Trumpeters, got to do more, and we're going to run everybody for office, but you got to get some experience. So you should get on the local political scene in Washington County, right, and so, and we've both lived in Washington County, so that's how I met Vic.

James Moore 02:50

So this is, this is going into that 1962 election, or is it before that? It

Robert E. Jones 02:55

was before that that was Vic was first elected in 59 I think, and then election, then he served again in 61 so this is the third trip for Vic, right. And that is between the 61 and 63 sessions that I met Vic, okay, and then we were giving I had a prime quite a few opponents in the primary, and so I gave talks all over the place, and Vic would. He didn't have to give

as many talks as I did. He was a shoe in on the primary. But anyway, he helped as an advisor to me, okay, for the primary, and I won that fortunately, yeah, when I was going

James Moore 03:48

through and looking at all of Vick's elections, that one stands out because Leon Davis is no longer there, and everybody wants to be on that seat. Yes,

Robert E. Jones 03:56

well, Leon Davis was a close friend of my family, and so he was supporting me, which was very nice, wonderful. That really, yeah, and then we, we put up a sign. I don't know how this is close, but it was retained responsible Republican leadership. So we got to retain it. There was, it was not anyway, it was not for Leon, but it's for me. Anyway, work and then, so then we had the general election, and we're running against head of longshoreman group and others. And so we John Mosser, I did not know, except that he was a brilliant lawyer and highly respected and genius. And so we, the three of us, got together and decided to run on a triple ticket, yeah, and we pooled our treasury. And so. We used the same money. We had the same bumper stickers, same as you have in your archives, the three pictures of our and then we had the luxury of the Salk vaccine lines, so we could do 1000s of handouts without going door to door. Oh, yeah. And so that's a different twist. See back with another hand he, he enlisted a bunch of trumpeters go door to door. And my Dr Lester Jones, son, Dr Richard Jones, who came head of OHSU he, he was this timid Doctor handing out Packwood things door to door, and he is told to do three things. I am representing Bob Packwood. Bob Packwood is running for office. Vote for Bob Packwood. So he knocked the door, and this woman came to the door stark naked, and he was so shocked, he said, I said, I didn't always say I'm a doctor. I'm used to this, or what he went through to Bob back. Bob back was running for office. Vote for Bob back, high tailed out of there. Well, anyway, we didn't have to do that. Yeah. And so the joke is that Vick Atiyeh and John Mosher ran on my my coattails. And of course, it was exactly the opposite. So we won with not any significant opposition. Then we decided, well, that worked out. Well, we were compatible, so we rented apartments, joined apartments at Chuck's Steakhouse in Salem and so we were roommates virtually with Tia Mosser and Jones Mosher was highly disciplined guy. He would meet with Al Corbett, and then they'd go over the Ways and Means thing, and Mosser had a total recall of things, and he'd smoke one cigarette, he'd have one martini, and that's it. And then he would be up. He slept about three or four hours a night. He worked study, and then he'd get up the crack of dawn. He'd be gone. Vic was on a zillion committees, and he was a senior in the house. Of course, he went on to the Senate, but he was there, but I was busy as a freshman trying to learn things, so I introduced a lot of stuff that dealt with Washington County school districts, etc, and irrigation districts, rather. And then I had some other bills, and these asked for an overview of how the legislature worked. Yeah, well, I ran into a reality check in a hurry. I got about seven bills through the legislature. There are some bad bills that even a conservative Vic sponsored. We had a then, if you were killed by a drunk driver, and you had a family of six and you had \$150,000 your job, which would be incredible at that time, and if somebody hits you in your lane, the maximum you could recover was \$10,000 wrongful death may have been 15, but I think it Was that Jack Fauci you mentioned you interviewed. His boss was Bob mots. And Motz was lobbying for the insurance industry for old Pete Brooks, the lobbyist. And so his partner said John Schwab. He said to him, Bob, you better drive careful to uphold the existing limit. Another one was contributory negligence. If you were 1% negligent in something, you got nothing. And then that was changed to comparative negligence, which has been ever 50 years later. And another one was the workers comp bill, the three way bill. At that time, the state had a monopoly, and they were tied to jury trials. And Vic was a strong supporter of the three way bill. Vick also was very interested in the inventory tax, yeah, because he was getting. Taxed over and over for rugs and his business, and that's really those. So anyway, I finally got seven bills passed through the house. I was on judiciary, which I liked a lot. Yeah, Packwood, wasn't he is on a political committee. But anyway, we teased him about being a lawyer and not being with us, but so I got them through the house, and Tom Mahoney came over to me, Senator Tom Mahoney, remember, you know about him? I know the name, but I don't know. Anyway, I don't want to liable him, but he was not respected, and be a very mild way of putting it. And what he came up said, I want Bobby, I want you to Jones. He said, I want you to vote for this bill supporting some Coronavirus. I said, Senator, I can't do that. He said, You better check around, because if you don't vote for this bill, none of your bills will see the light of day. He was true to his word. He put them in his pocket. They never came up in the Senate, and that was it. Just outraged. Every time I had a chance to say something negative about that guy. I did anyway. That was a rude introduction to the legislature, but it was fascinating to sit. I sat on the constitutional revision commission, sat in judiciary, sat on Labor and Industries. I had the labor endorsement, and that was a kiss of death, and to get elected in Washington County and my but one of my partners thought he was doing me a favor when he got the labor people endorse me. So I had to go around saying, I don't want

endorsement. You can't say that either. Anyway. So the labor lobbyists, Rosie and brown stuff were Labor Industries were hand me notes, tell me how to vote. And I told them where they could put their votes, their notes, and voted my own conscience. And Vic was very proud of me, of that, for standing up to him. And we, I think, then the legislative session ended, but we were going to go into a special session, session. I had to go on Navy duty. So I I left just before the adjournment of the regular session and went on Navy duty. In the meantime, Hatfield asked if I was interested in a judgeship and Washington County, I said, No, I don't want to sit out there. I worked in Multnomah County, and so he offered me one in Multnomah County, and I took it. So I went on the bench. Then he nominated me before the I didn't serve in this special session. So that was my very most unproductive career in the history of the Oregon legislature. I introduced no bills. Bad. Yeah.

James Moore 13:34

Question about you working here in Multnomah County and living in

Robert E. Jones 13:39

Washington County? Yeah, to live within 10 miles of the border, okay, in order to do that, yeah, it was.

James Moore 13:45

So were you also West Hills? Kind of area, like Vic, was the

Robert E. Jones 13:49

same thing for a judgeship, yeah, you could live in Washington County, but if you lived within 10 miles, well, wait now, with the legislator didn't make it, why I worked? It's where I live, where you live, yeah. But for the judgeship you I could live in Washington County as long as you were within 10 miles of the border. And a predecessor lived on at Lake Oswego on the lake, and he got Bill Dixon, he got the bill passed, famously, exception exemptions. That worked out great, yeah.

James Moore 14:21

At that time. I mean, I've been looking at this a lot right now, the part I'm writing right now is looking at the 1950s and Vic's motivations for getting into politics. And so there's a lot going on. There's there's the there's corruption in Portland politics. Vic says I want to get into politics to clean this up. There's his own personal in the in the rug business. He didn't choose to be there, whereas his brothers did. And so there's always a sense that Vic was not happy, or was looking for other things, that kind of thing. So there's all sorts of motivations. Yeah, but. One of them that's fascinating is Portland and Multnomah County was a city. There were 500,000 people in the county. The city was almost 400,000 people. Multnomah, or Washington County, the biggest city had 8000 people in it, right? And it was Hillsboro, yeah. Hillsboro, Beaverton Forest Grove was almost as big as they were, yeah. So was there a sense that you were kind of going to the farms when you went over there? Or did you feel you were living in the suburbs?

Robert E. Jones 15:33

I always felt I was living in the suburbs, uh huh, but it was definitely a farm County, and that was one of the reasons I wanted to be in Multnomah County as a judge, where the more action other than farm issues and so forth.

James Moore 15:52

Yeah, one of the things that Vic eventually gets on to is he's on the dairy committee and spends a lot of time with that.

Robert E. Jones 16:01

Well, anyway, to watch Vic in the legislature was a joy. He just sat in a row in front of me, and he his demeanor. He was just a cool guy. I've never seen him raise his voice. I've seen him get mad, but always controlled. He he was a statesman. You've heard all these adjectives. They won't help any he did if centering about our relationship, we lived in the same community. I lived in west slope, he lived right next door in Broadmoor, and so we were within two miles of each other, and our wives knew each other and knew the kids. I married the daughter, and so we were friends, neighbor friends, and I worked boys Boy Scouts, and he he worked the Boy Scouts. So it was a good relationship, yeah, with a family. I think the wives were close. In fact, Pearl was very graciously introduced to the to the women, environment and socially through Vic. was a lovely lady.

James Moore 17:37

Oh, yeah, yeah, a lovely lady, and some very interesting characteristics that become important. Yeah, she, if you crossed her, that wasn't a good thing, not a good thing. And also, she, she, she was an artist, and Vic was an artist too. And so when they're running, when Vic is running for governor, they're both of them play a very interesting role with with campaign things that's the wrong color, yeah, very fascinating.

Robert E. Jones 18:08

Vic later on, when I was on the state court, seemed forever. I came in as a bridesmaid three times for the federal appointment, and it's not good to come in second. Jordan Spieth just found out yesterday, anyway, on the British Open, I was very restless on the state court after 19 years, and I'd done everything over there I could do, and I was hoping to get an appointment to the Supreme Court. I didn't want I turned down the court of appeals from three different governors. I didn't want to be and that was a, just so you don't have the last word, it's not presidential. And I thought, if I'm going to be appellate judge, I want to help be on the Supreme Court and not a Court of Appeals. So first thing that happened was Jake tanzer, who'd been on the Court of Appeals, a very gifted writer was appointed, and Ed Peterson, who was the best appellate lawyer, was went on the court. Then Rick's really closest friend in the legislature, Wally Carson, went on and finally, me, and that was a thing is between dick, Eunice and me, and Dick had a lot of the background of Dick's parents, and Dick's parents came from the back, same type of. Background, and Dick said, No, Bobby, it's your turn. So he waited, and then they appointed Dick next. And then Mick Gillette was always this great appellate lawyer, and he did a wonderful job on the court. So Betty Roberts was appointed in the interim, but she had announced she was going to run for an open spot, and it just was not something that the rest of was put it wanted to wait for an appointment. Yeah, the so my time on the Supreme Court, I got time to spend more time visiting with Vic. He's awfully busy, and he did, you know, I don't have to be a create a redundant, super fluid. He had a fantastic job. He did in the legislature and as a governor, unparalleled. But he still did add one more favor up his sleeve, I was back with Bush senior, and I was getting hammered by one opinion I had written on the Supreme Court. And well, two opinions, one was allowing Native American Indians to use peyote, and I said they could Scalia and company said they couldn't. And I have a side story on that. I was nominated as asked to give the speech to the Supreme Court at the Supreme Court dinner welcoming the new judge, federal judges, right? So I thought, I'm not going to give a canned speech, so I went around the table. I went over to Scalia. I said I had a pretty good reputation in Oregon until you came along. Reversed me on that peyote religious freedom case. He said, only because you're dead wrong. I said, No, because you moved the goal post. And he said, Yeah, I guess we did well. As a matter of fact, he did. Now they've gone back to the prior test anyway. That was kind of fun, but I was still hung up on another case state, very Henry, but involving obscenity stuff. And so I needed help. And Vic, I didn't ask Vic. He just called me when he came back. He said, I went. I heard, I know you're hung up there, and we all want you to get on the court, he said. So I went and talked to Bush, and I was there, and he said he announced who he was, and he wanted to talk to Bush. And they said, well, Colin Powell is waiting, and the President said he'll wait. Bush went Vick went in and touted me to the president, which worked out great. He's one other personal thing. He my dad had a was born in hay springs, Nebraska, where I think there are more Indians than there were people in a sod hut. And he had a baby rattle. No, he had a baby he had a baby rattle, which I still have, but he had a baby Indian moccasins that they put on my dad. Now, I gave him to Vic, and he was so touched, he wrote me a note about that think you may have, yeah, I'm sure we did very sweet, sensitive guy, yeah? And to all, all peoples, yeah, yeah,

James Moore 23:51

when you were on the Supreme Court after he'd appointed you to the Supreme Court, when I was talking to Wally Carson, Wally, you know, he made some very conscious decisions that he couldn't pal around with the Vic because they you had different constitutional roles. Now, did you find that as well?

Robert E. Jones 24:14

I didn't pal around with him, but that wasn't the reason. Yeah, I would have followed around with him. I I mean, I would have been happy to see him, but he's too busy, yeah, and we were commuting, it did offer that opportunity, but I would see him and we'd go have coffee, or I'd go in and shoot the breeze with him. But I never, I never was concerned about that. Okay, I haven't been concerned about that sort of thing with a lot of people over the years. I've been a judge for 52 years, and I don't like to live in isolation. Yeah,

James Moore 24:56

exactly. Were you ever involved in. Um talking to Vic about what the court might need in terms of, if another opening

came up, we need someone with trial experience, or, you know, any of those kinds of things. No,

Robert E. Jones 25:16

mainly because I was, I was rooting for Dick and Mick, and they were the I never was asked, right?

James Moore 25:32

Okay, okay, it's just a fascinating, I mean, there's an executive appointments person in Vic's office. Yeah, no, then there's, there's the court is always its own kind of thing. There's, you know, Jack Fauci would call Jack Fauci. Jack would never call Vic, but Jack Vick would call Jack, and he'd ask other people too. And so there's, it's just a, it's a very interesting dynamic.

Robert E. Jones 25:57

Yeah, Jack called the shots for Jake and Ed. I know. Yeah,

James Moore 26:00

yeah, yeah, fascinating. Jack

Robert E. Jones 26:04

also was my main with backwoods. Are the ones who got me this job, yeah, yeah, Jack, amazing guy, yeah, wonderful friend,

James Moore 26:16

yeah, he's a good guy. So in on the court, Were you there when they, when you made the decision on the safe rate, on what the safe rate 1982 they the legislature had balanced a budget that was crumbling by going and getting \$83 million from the safe fund. Yeah, and then, and then, you know, everybody, it was immediately challenged and eventually decided, no, you can't do that. So Ted, cool and gusky, who was in the legislature, passing this is eventually the Attorney General, writing a two, \$60 million check to repay the \$83 million

Robert E. Jones 27:04

I didn't get involved. Okay, okay, did Wally? Oh

James Moore 27:10

yeah, Wally did, because Wally was just appointed as that was happening, and couldn't talk to Vic because of the new relationship. And so, yeah, it was real.

Robert E. Jones 27:27

Yeah, I just came on right after that. Yeah, I had, I sat on some innocuous cases in December of 82 and and started my regular session in 8383

James Moore 27:39

Yeah, yeah, talk to me about Vic as being an ex governor. He's He's got an amazing amount of managerial expertise, and I don't find any of the governors really tapping into that, until Ted Colin goski. And you'd think, if there's a recession coming up, you'd talk to the guy who got us through the worst recession, yeah, but so, but talk to me about Vic as an ex governor. What role did he play? What did you see?

Robert E. Jones 28:14

I know that there are other people that are better qualified to answer that, because I was just another citizen, yeah, I just knew that his role in the international scene was fantastic. Made endless efforts to do that. His seems like he was everything and everywhere, but nothing. I don't I there's so many other people that are more intimately involved. Yeah, what he did do, yeah. And as you know, he was famous for not taking credit for what he did. He sure was

James Moore 28:55

Denny miles gets so ticked off at him, but that's the way it is, yeah, yeah. What did you see in terms of his relationship with the legislature? And the reason I asked is, so you serve with him, he's in the minority, yeah? He switches to the

Senate, right when the Republicans get the house, and so he's in the minority, yeah? And then he becomes the governor, and he has a democratic legislation the whole time. Yeah, and so there's, there's a question for me. He was bipartisan, but he had no choice. He couldn't get anything done unless he was bipartisan. So what did you see with that dynamic? Well,

Robert E. Jones 29:38

wouldn't it be nice if we had him back under today's environment where they can't get anything done. It seems exactly especially on the national scene, yeah, but four times before he died and he was frustrated, he was he was a strong conservative, but he wasn't a strong rep. Republican I mean, there are just as many good minds on the Democratic side as there were on the Republican side. And I think Vic went to where the truth was and where the strong points were. Now you could take somebody like bud lint. Bud lint a rivaled guy, personal friend, but he's a genius and Bud and could come down to court, for instance, and study everything, anything with doing, with math or science. He was way above everybody else, and I know that Vick respected him and Bud and John Mosser worked like that on complicated ways and means stuff and just an example, there are dozens of very strong Democrats in our Oregon history and in our legislature. And I think Vic did not run by party label, obviously, or he wouldn't have got anything done. He also was very honest, and I don't think he did made a vote for a political reason in his entire life

James Moore 31:23

that frustrated the Rajneeshees to no end. They just

Robert E. Jones 31:26

didn't believe it. Well, she's Yeah,

James Moore 31:29

Gerry said he doesn't make deals, yeah. And they just didn't believe him. And then finally it became clear, and

Robert E. Jones 31:34

they we had a rush with the Roshni in the Supreme Court. They they came, and I had lawyers arguing their cases for them. And then they they made a sub Rosa and been invitation to all the law clears to come over to the compound. Yeah, and some went, and the Chief Justice just just raised hell. How stupid can you get? God? And you wonder about these young intellects, they just didn't have the experience to know you say no, but Vic, of course, a much higher level said, No,

James Moore 32:23

yeah, yeah, yeah. Vic is, I mean, it's publicly known, he didn't have anything to do with them publicly and almost right, but I'm beginning to dig things that, because he did an amazing amount behind the scenes that just has never been told

Robert E. Jones 32:42

ever. Yeah, well, about when he might have been poisoned, yeah, yeah. Well, of course they hit judge, who's on our court here? Yeah, knows all about the Roshan aces. He dealt with them, and, yeah, as a target. And of course they tried to take out a lot of people, yeah,

James Moore 33:01

absolutely, absolutely,

Robert E. Jones 33:07

I wouldn't be surprised that they didn't get to him, that that wouldn't

James Moore 33:11

surprise me at all. And the reason is, the evidence, from what we know with the salmonella and stuff, they were only able to match 20% of the illnesses to the actual salmonella style. And so that it makes perfect sense that when I talked to Lon Holbrook, his estate police guy, I have other people who have said they treated it like an assassination attempt, because you have to. And so I hope to get him to go on the record and say, yes, they did as well. But, and then the fun thing is, Barbara Roberts remembers just being elected Secretary of State and getting a call from Gerry Thompson

saying, we've just taken the governor to the hospital. He's fine. But, and she you think, as Secretary of State, oh, I'm the successor. And so when I told her about Vic, she's putting those together, yeah, it's like, oh, well, look at that. Yeah, when I interviewed Barbara, it was right when Kate Brown and was becoming governor, and Barbara was using her remembrance of that Gerry telling people, when you're the Secretary of State, if the governor called, you have to come. It's your job. There's no Governor if he resigns. So fun, fascinating things, so from your your place here, federal judge, state judge, served in the legislature for about a year. Were you in there for a year? Geez, not even a year. Scooby, you were in the legislature for less than a year. Yeah,

Robert E. Jones 34:48
yeah.

James Moore 34:50
Six months. Yeah, six months. Give me some perspective on Vic Atiyeh Compared to other governors you. In respect to why other governors,

Robert E. Jones 35:03
well, of course, McCall was. McCall was a reporter when I was became a judge. In fact, we have his his video and and so McCall was not anywhere near the governorship in 1963 he was still a reporter. Yeah, and then when he, when he, he went on the bench. Of course, he was very flamboyant, wonderful, colorful speaker. We've teased him about some of his martini appointments, like Shirley field et cetera, anyway. But just the opposite of Vic is very much just the opposite. He loved the publicity he loved. He's a wonderful governor, too. The so the next governor, Straub was very quiet, plain guy. He beat him handily, and the second time around the and Vic had to beat Tom McCall on a comeback too. So of course, very, very happy with cooling ski because he appointed my son as a judge. There you go. And we love that. It's been a wonderful, fabulous thing. And I always like Ted comes out of just the worst possible background, and he's a he's a very warm feeling great guy. Never did have anything to do with kitsch. I went to kitsch once on a judicial appointment and got nowhere but

James Moore 37:43
anything with Goldschmidt, I'm sorry, anything with Goldschmidt,

Robert E. Jones 37:48
yeah, yeah, Goldschmidt, of course, was a very bright guy and moving or shove her politician to The core, yeah? But he when I was having trouble getting a getting my federal thing through, after I appointed by Bush, he wanted Susan Graber to take my place on the Supreme Court, and so we were stuck shoes. I wanted Susan to come on the Supreme Court. Everybody wanted Susan to come on the Supreme Court, but I wasn't getting the final word by fighting Grassley and some other people obstructionists. Anyway. So we made a deal. Goldschmidt said, All always appoint, I will always appoint Susan to the Supreme Court soon as you're off. And so he sent over a bottle of wine, saying, hang in there. And then Susan made a deal that I would definitely, if I got re elected, I would definitely, if I got re elected, I definitely would resign when I went on the bench and we wrote that out. And then that's what happened. Finally got there, Susan came on. Did she did her all of her own research, all her own word processing. Fabulous job, much stronger than I was. Anyway, she then went on the Ninth Circuit, but she came that close to get on the US Supreme Court. Do you know anything about that one? I just heard it. Heard a little bit about it, but, well, I went back to as a new as a judge. I went back and met with President Clinton. He was photographed in white. Did you see that in there? Absolutely shaking his hand. I said, Well, we're all the opening was then for the Supreme Court was open and right you. Yeah, and Susan had incredible amount of backing from our senators and so forth. And so I said to the Senate, to the governor, to the president, he said, we're out from Oregon, and we are all rooting for Susan Graber. And he said, Let me tell you, he pushed everybody else aside, including Jack Weinstein, Weinstein and Eva. Let me tell you about Susan graver. We're in tax class and and she and she got sick, and she didn't attend a single class. She borrowed my notes and beat me on the final when Susan Graber walks in the room, the average IQ goes up 50% yes, I know Susan Graber, and she met back and slept in the Lincoln room, and we thought she had it. And then just at the end, Ginsburg, husband had a tremendous amount of clout, and just pushed her side barely. What a minute. What a what a great contribution she would have made. Yeah, yeah.

James Moore 41:07

Amazing, amazing, yeah. It's been interesting watching the federal court when Reagan was in office, and it's fascinating, Vic a lot of things. Was no big fan of Ronald Reagan, and very publicly. So when the recession was hitting and Reagan was cutting back on what the states were getting, it was on the front page saying, I don't know if we can support him for re election. Yeah. So some amazing things, but, but when Reagan was in office, he appointed Stanford Law graduates, and then we get all these guys. He

Robert E. Jones 41:43

also appointed Reagan's campaign manager, yeah, Dio Scanlan, yeah,

James Moore 41:53

yeah. But then, since then, everybody's come from Harvard and Yale, so they're putting all these people from Harvard, Yale. It's like, you know, Yale,

Robert E. Jones 42:07

Yale's outdone Harvard. Yeah, exactly, yeah. We just just watched last Friday with Justice Kennedy, yeah, that was interesting. Yes, great guy.

James Moore 42:19

Yeah, yeah, absolutely. It's interesting. With these

Robert E. Jones 42:24

he's had Stanford and Harvard and at least Sanford and Harvard.

James Moore 42:27

He's one of the only kind of West Coast of any issue.

Robert E. Jones 42:31

Some people you don't know, they haven't seen. We had a group of trial lawyers and trial judges, uh huh. And there, you know about suave Williamson, uh huh. There's swabi Williamson. Well, there you are. You talk about Cosgrove Kester as Cosgrave Kester? Yeah, talk about Supreme Court justice. Chief Justices is John odenki. There's Ed Peterson. Uh huh. There's Bill crow Hilliard with Elaine Powell firm, Earl green and Griswold. There's green and Griswold. There's my partner, Cliff Olson and Tom Tom Supreme Court, quite a group. Yeah, it's a power lunch there. We used to kick the hell out of each other, and we'd always have St Patrick's Day, we celebrate with Walter at the University Club. Uh huh, there's there's Scalia, there's Ed Peterson, I mean, Ed Levy, right, and Owen's now 91 Darman and but Ed Levy and Ted Goodwin, I'm having them over this week to talk about their books. Bob Weiss is about their war experiences. Jack Beatty about his war experiences. Yeah, we got Ted Goodwin and his whole life, but good one and Levy, they can't be trusted, you see, good. Good one went on the bench early and then the state court, anyone on the Oregon Supreme Court, anyone on the district court, anyone on the circuit court, and his chief judge of the Ninth Circuit levy went on the court at age 26 and he was a state district judge, state Circuit Judge, pro tem, Supreme Court Justice, us, magistrate, US District Judge, Ninth Circuit Judge, FISA judge. Those guys can't hold a job, exactly,

James Moore 44:41

so people say about Ted kuwagoski too.

Robert E. Jones 44:45

That's my joke. That's

James Moore 44:46

good. Yeah, exactly.

Robert E. Jones 44:50

We've out covered it. Yeah, yeah. Any last things you want to add? No, I just think that. I can't say enough. I. Positive things about Vic. He he was, he was just good at everything he did, no negatives. Yeah, I had a philosophy professor tell me that you know students that your life after death, can have all sorts of religious beliefs, but in reality, it'll be

measured by the good that you did while you were here. I know that vicodia will have a future in Oregon for a century?

James Moore 45:43

Yeah, absolutely. One last question. Am I asking this with everybody? Because I'm just trying to chase it down. Do you know when Victor started having a close relationship with the tribes for this? What with the tribes? Oh, when did you see any evidence of that? When you were in the legislature with

Robert E. Jones 46:04

no, none you came later,

James Moore 46:07

73 he's in. He's, he's the one who passes. There's a legislative tribal committee, yeah, and so he's a, he's behind that. So it's sometime before then, but I don't, yeah, well, it becomes important because the tribes play a big, big role in his life.

Robert E. Jones 46:28

I have no idea. Yeah, yeah. Well, anyway, he was a remarkable guy. And I sure appreciate all your work on it, putting together a book. This is, I don't know if you know Steve Wassby or not, huh? No, well, he's written this book, history of Ted Goodwin, and, boy, it's incredible. There's things in there. Nobody ever knew, yeah, but I've come across several I don't have anything. Oh, only other thing is our Vic's brothers, yeah, the twins and Vic always felt sheepish about not being in the service. And his boys, the brothers were, and we all knew, we knew the ateads, or in West Washington County, everybody went to the same parties, and they were the ateads were close friends of Campbell. Jim Campbell, yeah, and so we'd see him with Campbell, got Tom Galt, yeah. We'd have wonderful parties and and socialize with the twins more than with Vic, but then also Vic and they had an incredible story that having been captured in the valley of bullets. And you know about the Battle of bullets and the atead, yeah,

James Moore 48:10

do you Yeah? Just, I've just written about the brothers and their experience, okay,

Robert E. Jones 48:16

well, atead, Army specialized training program, and in it were John Mosser, John, John and Charlie Crookham, and, of course, Gerry Frank, and then Jim Burns. And they took all these brilliant students out of ivy league schools and stuck them on the front lines. And they the Quartermaster Corps sold off the winter uniforms. You knew that they had to wrap their feet in blankets and pros. And then the one the twins called the at home. Yeah, then yeah. Then I was just down at the penitentiary Friday with 11 new externs. Uh huh, he's going to look up one of the twin sons. Uh huh. Did you know that? No, he's there. Big drug dealer. Oh, yeah.

James Moore 49:13

So that would be Richard's. I

Robert E. Jones 49:15

don't know which one, yeah, it's got to be Richard, because I know one of them's gone. The other one looked awful, feeble. Yeah, yeah,

James Moore 49:21

Ed. And I've talked to I've talked to Ed officially on on tape two times. I hope we're through this. I you know, I call him okay. In fact, I have things to call him about this week as well. Yeah, they and writing about their world war two exploits. Yeah, I don't

Robert E. Jones 49:41

want that on for what I said about Vic and oh no, the service

James Moore 49:50

Ed only told his family what had happened 50 years later. And then Richard, it took he kept a wartime diary. And. Took then 64 years. 2008 was when he first typed that up. But Victor is interviewed by the Oregon Historical Society in 1992

so it's not 50 years yet, and he knows a lot of the details. Yeah, so that, just as the brothers are really close, yeah, three of them talked about this very close. So that's a real important, yeah, telling thing. Even though there was rivalries, and, you know, all those was Victor or

Robert E. Jones 50:27

the Washington account with the Lions Club.

James Moore 50:30

I don't know if he was or not. I think the twins were, yeah, the twins did a lot of that kind of stuff. Victor, um, seem to be more downtown things I

Robert E. Jones 50:44

was just saying about the things that Bob Fisher got me into the Wyatt roar, lions roar,

James Moore 50:50

yeah, yeah. Exactly when I go give talks at wines club, it's always Oh yeah. There they are. Yeah. Well, thank you very much. Yeah. Well,

Robert E. Jones 51:01

thank you for coming by. I hope that.