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Collection Summary

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Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Summary: Judge and lawyer. Correspondence, memoranda, manuscripts of writings, speeches, agenda and minutes of meetings, opinions, orders, dockets, notes, sentencing information, case files, and other legal papers and material pertaining primarily to Gesell's career as judge of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia and documenting his cases in the areas of civil rights, constitutional law, antitrust matters, patent cases, and government regulations.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People

Acheson, Dean, 1893-1971.

Bancroft, Harding F. (Harding Foster), 1910-

Bratton, Howard C. (Howard Calvin), 1922-1964.

Burger, Warren E., 1907-1995.

Cox, Archibald, 1912-2004.

Fitzpatrick, Joseph M. (Joseph Mark)

Gesell, Gerhard Alden, 1910-1993.

Harlan, John M. (John Marshall), 1899-1971.

Humphrey, Hubert H. (Hubert Horatio), 1911-1978.

Johnson, Lyndon B. (Lyndon Baines), 1908-1973.

Kaufman, Irving R. (Irving Robert), 1910-1992.

Lumbard, J. Edward.

North, Oliver.

O'Brian, John Lord, 1874-

Remington, Frank J., 1922-1996.

Sirica, John J.

Stewart, Potter.

Walsh, Lawrence E.

Warren, Earl, 1891-1974.

Wilson, Frank M.

Organizations

United States. Constitution.

United States. Court of Appeals (District of Columbia Circuit)

United States. District Court (District of Columbia)

Subjects

Abortion--Law and legislation.

Administrative law.

Antitrust law.

Civil rights.

Constitutional amendments--United States.

Constitutional law.

Crime.

Demography--Washington (D.C.)
Families.
Iran-Contra Affair, 1985-1990.
Justice, Administration of.
Patent laws and legislation.
Race relations.
Riots--Washington (D.C.)
Watergate Affair, 1972-1974.

Places

Washington (D.C.)--Economic conditions.

Titles

Pentagon Papers.

Occupations

Jurists.
Lawyers.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of Gerhard Alden Gesell, lawyer and judge, were given to the Library of Congress by Gesell in 1991. Subsequent additions have been received since that time.

Transfers

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Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1910, 16 June	Born, Los Angeles, Calif.

1932	A.B., Yale University, New Haven, Conn.
1935	LL.B., Yale University, New Haven, Conn.
1935-1941	Attorney, Securities and Exchange Commission
1936	Married Marion Holliday Pike
1941-1967	Member, law firm of Covington and Burling, Washington, D.C.
1945-1946	Chief assistant counsel, Joint Congressional Committee on Investigation of the Pearl Harbor Attack
1962-1964	Chairman, President's Committee on Equal Opportunity in the Armed Forces
1968-1993	Judge, United States District Court for the District of Columbia
1976-1981	Member, District of Columbia Judicial Tenure and Disability Commission
1993, 19 Feb.	Died, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Gerhard Alden Gesell (1910-1993) span the years 1945-1993, with the majority of the papers concentrated from 1968-1992. Documenting Gesell's career as judge of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, the papers consist of eight series: [General Correspondence](#), [Chronological File](#), [Case File](#), [Bench Books](#), [Dockets](#), [Sentencing File](#), [Office File](#), and [Miscellany](#).

The [General Correspondence](#) series, 1968-1992, consisting chiefly of incoming letters from the public, pertains primarily to Gesell's Watergate cases, *United States v. Ehrlichman* and *United States v. Chapin*. In addition, there is correspondence relating to other cases of national and constitutional significance such as *United States v. Washington Post Company* (Pentagon Papers case) and *United States v. Vuitch* (legality of abortions in the District of Columbia). Also included are a few letters from friends, lawyers, and judges relating to Gesell's professional activities.

Because of its location in the nation's capital and its jurisdiction over cases involving federal agencies, the United States District Court for the District of Columbia is considered one of the most important venues in the country. Papers in the [Chronological File](#), 1968-1993, reflect the wide range of civil and criminal cases Gesell heard as a district judge for this court: civil rights, constitutional law, antitrust matters, patent cases, and government regulations. This series consists of correspondence and memoranda, primarily between Gesell and judges, lawyers, prison officials, clerks, and staff, as well as an array of extensive legal papers such as opinions, orders, stipulations, and reports. Arranged by Gesell's staff, papers in the Chronological File relating to individual cases are scattered throughout the series rather than assembled in specific case files and provide some sense of the judge's day-to-day work. Although there is some overlap between the [Case File](#) series and this series, the Case File contains papers that are not included in the Chronological File. Also included are a few personal letters and notes, particularly concerning his farm near Arcola, Virginia. The docket sheets in the [Dockets](#) series may assist readers in locating specific documents of interest in the Chronological File, as they contain dated entries by the judge's staff documenting many details of each case. In order to use the docket sheets, a reader must know the document number for a case or know the year the case first appeared on the docket and search the docket sheets to locate it.

The [Case File](#), 1956-1991, consists of two subseries: [General](#) and [Special Case](#) files. This series, also arranged by Gesell's staff, chronicles his rulings in some of his most significant and complex cases. The General subseries, 1956-1990, containing chiefly memoranda and orders, documents a wide range of civil, criminal, and miscellaneous cases. Arrangement is alphabetical by type of case and therein alphabetical by case title. This subseries includes papers pertaining to the riots at local universities in 1969 (*George Washington Univ. v. Mann* and *Howard Univ. v. Abel*), the riots in

Washington, D.C., in 1969 (criminal riot cases), and the application of broadcasters for access to the Watergate tapes in order to air them for public broadcast (*United States v. Mitchell*). The General File is not as complete as the Special Case File and should be used in conjunction with the [Chronological File](#).

The [Special Case File](#), 1969-1991, contains individual cases which were maintained in case files rather than in the Chronological File or General case file. Many of the cases pertain to issues of national and constitutional significance, such as a variety of First Amendment cases (*Hentoff v. Ichord* and *United States v. Washington Post Co.*; the legality of abortions in the District of Columbia prior to the Supreme Court decision of *Roe v. Wade* (*United States v. Vuitch*); the firing of Watergate special prosecutor Archibald Cox (*Nader v. Bork*); the break-in at the Democratic National Committee headquarters in the Watergate complex (*United States v. Ehrlichman*); and Oliver L. North's role in the congressional investigation of the Iran-Contra Affair (*United States v. North*). The *United States v. North* files comprise the bulk of the Special Case File and include correspondence, memoranda, orders, transcripts, dockets, and press files. Two items pertaining to the North case are worthy of mention: a diary in which Gesell recorded notes at home at the close of the day and a letter from Gesell to Lawrence E. Walsh, head of the Office of Independent Counsel that investigated the Iran-Contra Affair, of 20 September 1991 that complimented Walsh on the way he and his staff had conducted themselves during the trial. Located in the folder "Correspondence: General, Feb. 1990-Oct. 1991," this letter is an attachment to a 24 September 1991 letter from Walsh to Gesell.

The [Bench Books](#) series, 1968-1993, contains Gesell's notes about the cases which came before his court. Arrangement is chronological, except for three volumes that are alphabetical by topic or case title. Dates written by Gesell's staff on the cover of the bench books are not always accurate.

Papers in the [Dockets](#) series, 1959-1992, provide a record of the name and docket number of individual cases. Also included are brief notes by the judge's staff recording many of the legal documents issued and filed. Arrangement is alphabetical by type of case, civil or criminal, and therein chronological by year. The Dockets series may assist readers in locating entries to specific cases, particularly the chronological file and the bench books.

The [Sentencing File](#), 1968-1992, constituting almost half the collection, includes correspondence, memoranda, presentence reports, orders and other papers relating to the sentencing process of Gesell's criminal cases. A presentence report was prepared by a probation officer to assist the judge in determining a defendant's sentence. It generally contains information on the offense, the defendant's prior criminal record, family history, marital status, education, employment, health, military service, and financial condition, and an evaluation and recommendation by the probation officer. Serving as a record of every person sentenced by Gesell, the file reflects the vast economic and demographic changes in the District of Columbia over a twenty-year period and contains valuable social data about families, crime, the judicial system, and race relations. Papers in the presentencing file are arranged into three chronological sequences, 1968-1979, 1980-1989, and 1990-1992. The earlier sequences contain more extensive background information, while the later files indicate the judgment and terms of the sentence. Also included in this series are two card files arranged by defendant's name, one recording the sentences and the other indicating the cases in which charges were dropped or the defendant was found not guilty.

The [Office File](#) series, 1965-1993, relates to Gesell's administrative and professional duties as a district judge. The majority of the papers chronicle his activities with various committees and his sitting by designation with the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

The final series, [Miscellany](#), 1945-1993, includes speeches and writings by Gesell, reminiscences written by his law clerks, photographs and political cartoons, and tributes to Gesell after his death. One of the more important items in this series is a notebook containing Gesell's memoirs, "My Jealous Mistress," and background memoranda about significant cases and events.

Among the most significant and frequent of Gesell's correspondents are Dean Acheson, Harding F. Bancroft, Howard C. Bratton, Warren E. Burger, Joseph M. Fitzpatrick, John M. Harlan, Hubert H. Humphrey, Lyndon B. Johnson, Irving R. Kaufman, J. Edward Lumbard, John Lord O'Brian, Frank T. Remington, John J. Sirica, Potter Stewart, Lawrence E. Walsh, Earl Warren, and Frank W. Wilson.

Organization of the Papers

The collection is arranged in nine series:

- General Correspondence, 1968-1992
- Chronological File, 1968-1993
- Case File, 1956-1991
- Bench Books, 1968-1993
- Dockets, 1959-1992
- Sentencing File, 1968-1992
- Office File, 1965-1993
- Miscellany, 1945-1993
- Classified, 1968-1979

Description of Series

<i>Container</i>	<i>Series</i>
BOX 1-5	<p><u>General Correspondence, 1968-1992</u></p> <p>Correspondence, primarily incoming, between Gesell and lawyers, judges, friends, acquaintances, and the general public relating to his activities as a federal district court judge.</p> <p>Arrangement is chronological.</p>
BOX 5-44	<p><u>Chronological File, 1968-1993</u></p> <p>Correspondence, memoranda, orders, opinions, interrogatories, stipulations, reports, schedule sheets, and other legal papers pertaining to Gesell's professional activities.</p> <p>Arrangement is chronological.</p>
BOX 44-69	<p><u>Case File, 1956-1991</u></p>
BOX 44-48	<p><u>General, 1956-1990</u></p> <p>Correspondence, memoranda, orders, briefs, transcripts, notes, and printed matter for civil, criminal, and miscellaneous cases.</p> <p>Arrangement is alphabetical by type of case and therein alphabetical by case title.</p>
BOX 49-69	<p><u>Special Case File, 1969-1991</u></p> <p>Correspondence, memoranda, opinions, orders, stipulations, transcripts, dockets, background information, notes, lists, a diary, and printed matter.</p> <p>Arrangement is alphabetical by case title.</p>
BOX 70-77	<p><u>Bench Books, 1968-1993</u></p> <p>Bound volumes containing Gesell's notes about the cases that came before his court.</p> <p>Arrangement is chronological, except for three volumes that are alphabetical by topic or case title.</p>
BOX 77-89	<p><u>Dockets, 1959-1992</u></p> <p>Docket sheets for civil and criminal cases.</p> <p>Arrangement is alphabetical by type of case, then chronological by year, and therein numerical by docket number.</p>
BOX 90-157	<p><u>Sentencing File, 1968-1992</u></p> <p>Correspondence, memoranda, presentence reports, orders, card files, and related sentencing information for Gesell's criminal cases.</p> <p>Arrangement is alphabetical by type of material or topic and therein alphabetical by name of defendant, except the presentencing file which is arranged chronologically and therein alphabetically by name of defendant.</p>
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Arrangement is alphabetical by topic or type of material.

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Classified, 1968-1979

Government classified documents containing sensitive security information.

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Chronological File, 1968-1993

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	1977
	Jan.-Mar. (3 folders)
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BOX 12	1978
	Jan.-Sept. (8 folders)
BOX 13	Oct.-Dec. (3 folders)
	1979
	Jan.-Apr. (4 folders)
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BOX 15	1980
	Jan.-Aug. (7 folders)
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	Jan.-Mar. (3 folders)
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	1985
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	Oct.
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BOX 44-48

General, 1956-1990

Correspondence, memoranda, orders, briefs, transcripts, notes, and printed matter for civil, criminal, and miscellaneous cases.

Arrangement is alphabetical by type of case and therein alphabetical by case title.

BOX 44

Civil

Anderson v. Nixon, 1977-1978, undated

"A" miscellany, 1968-1985

Bension v. Meredith, 1978-1980

Blankenship v. Boyle, 1971-1973

"B" miscellany, 1968-1984

Copeland v. Dunlop, 1975-1976

"C" miscellany, 1968-1978, undated

Douglas v. First Nat'l Realty Corp., 1971-1978

"D-E" miscellany, 1968-1985

(2 folders)

Fitzgerald v. Butterfield

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George Washington Univ. v. Mann (student riot cases), 1969

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Lucasfilm Ltd. v. High Frontier (Star Wars trademark), 1985

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(3 folders)

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(4 folders)

United States v. Bonino, 1978, undated

United States v. Cohen, 1973-1976

"U" miscellany, 1971, 1983-1985

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Washington Metro. Area Transit Auth. v. Twelve Parcels of Land, 1956, 1963, 1972-1974

(4 folders)

Washington Post Co. v. Kleindienst, 1972-1974

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- Miscellaneous
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Special Case File, 1969-1991

Correspondence, memoranda, opinions, orders, stipulations, transcripts, dockets, background information, notes, lists, a diary, and printed matter.
Arrangement is alphabetical by case title.

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- American Academy of Pediatrics v. Heckler
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BOX 70-77

Bench Books, 1968-1993

Bound volumes containing Gesell's notes about the cases that came before his court. Arrangement is chronological, except for three volumes that are alphabetical by topic or case title.

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(4 folders)

BOX 74

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(4 folders)

BOX 75

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(4 folders)

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Docket sheets for civil and criminal cases.

Arrangement is alphabetical by type of case, then chronological by year, and therein numerical by docket number.

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(8 folders)

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1979
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Dockets, 1959-1992

Container

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Sentencing File, 1968-1992

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BOX 108	Hea-Jac (8 folders)
BOX 109	Jac-Joh (7 folders)
BOX 110	Jon-Kri (6 folders)
BOX 111	Kro-Law (7 folders)
BOX 112	Law-Low (7 folders)
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BOX 114	Mat-Mer (7 folders)
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Appendix: Legal Abbreviations

Legal term	Abbreviation
Administrat [ive, ion]	Admin.
Administrat [or, rix]	Adm'[r,x]
Agriculture	Agric.
America [n]	Am.
Associate	Assoc.
Association	Ass'n
Atlantic	Atl.
Authority	Auth.
Automobile	Auto.
Avenue	Ave.
Board	Bd.
Brotherhood	Bhd.
Brothers	Bros.
Building	Bldg.
Central	Cent.
Chemical	Chem.
Commission	Comm'n
Commissioner	Comm'r
Committee	Comm.
Company	Co.
Consolidated	Consol.
Construction	Constr.
Cooperative	Coop.
Corporation	Corp.
Department	Dep't
Development	Dev.
Distribut [or, ing]	Distrib.
District	Dist.
Division	Div.
East [ern]	E.
Education [al]	Educ.
Electric [al, ity]	Elec.
Electronic	Elec.
Engineer	Eng'r
Engineering	Eng'g
Enterprise	Enter.
Environment	Env't
Environmental	Envtl.
Equipment	Equip.
Exchange	Exch.
Execut [or, rix]	Ex'[r,x]
Federal	Fed.
Federation	Fed'n
Financ [e, ial, ing]	Fin.
Foundation	Found.
General	Gen.
Government	Gov't

Legal term	Abbreviation
Guaranty	Guar.
Hospital	Hosp.
Housing	Hous.
Incorporate	Inc.
Indemnity	Indem.
Independent	Indep.
Industr [y, ies, ial]	Indus.
Institut [e, ion]	Inst.
Insurance	Ins.
International	Int'l
Investment	Inv.
Liability	Liab.
Limited	Ltd.
Litigation	Litig.
Machine [ry]	Mach.
Manufacturer	Mfr.
Manufacturing	Mfg.
Market	Mkt.
Marketing	Mktg.
Metropolitan	Metro.
Municipal	Mun.
Mutual	Mut.
National	Nat'l
North [ern]	N.
Organiz [ation, ing]	Org.
Pacific	Pac.
Product [ion]	Prod.
Public	Pub.
Railroad	R.R.
Railway	Ry.
Refining	Ref.
Road	Rd.
Savings	Sav.
Securit [y, ies]	Sec.
Service	Serv.
Society	Soc'y
South [ern]	S.
Steamship [s]	S.S.
Street	St.
Surety	Sur.
System [s]	Sys.
Tele [phone, graph]	Tel.
Transport [ation]	Transp.
University	Univ.
Utility	Util.
West [ern]	W.