

**Historical Society of the District of Columbia Circuit, Oral History Project,
Oral History Interviews**

A Finding Aid to the Collection in the Library of Congress



**LIBRARY OF
CONGRESS**

**Manuscript Division, Library of Congress
Washington, D.C.
2008**

Contact information:

<http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.mss/mss.contact>

Additional search options available at:

<http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.mss/eadmss.ms009256>

LC Online Catalog record:

<http://lcn.loc.gov/mm00084708>

Prepared by Michael Spangler
Revised and expanded by Kimberly Owens

Collection Summary

Title: Historical Society of the District of Columbia Circuit, Oral History Project, Oral History Interviews

Span Dates: 1991-2004

Creator: Historical Society of the District of Columbia Circuit, Oral History Project

Extent: 50 items ; 7 containers ; 2.8 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

Summary: Transcripts of oral history interviews with judges, judges's spouses, lawyers, and court staff associated with the United States Circuit Court for the District of Columbia. Topics include biographical information, judicial procedures, prominent cases, and law clerks.

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

Bennett, Robert S.--Interviews.
Bork, Robert H.--Interviews.
Buckley, James Lane, 1923- --Interviews.
Cutler, Lloyd N.--Interviews.
Dash, Samuel--Interviews.
Gesell, Gerhard Alden, 1910-1993--Interviews.
Ginsburg, David, 1912-2010--Interviews.
Greene, Harold H.--Interviews.
Griswold, Erwin N. (Erwin Nathaniel), 1904-1994--Interviews.
Mikva, Abner J.--Interviews.
Prettyman, E. Barrett (Elijah Barrett), 1925- --Interviews.
Rauh, Joseph L., Jr., 1911-1992--Interviews.
Wald, Patricia M.--Interviews.
Warnke, Paul C., 1920- --Interviews.
Wright, Helen Patton, 1919- --Interviews.

Organizations

Historical Society of the District of Columbia Circuit. Oral History Project.
United States. Circuit Court (District of Columbia)

Subjects

Circuit courts--Washington (D.C.)
Judges' spouses--Interviews.
Judges--Interviews.
Judicial process.
Law clerks.
Lawyers--Interviews.

Administrative Information

Provenance

Transcripts of interviews from the Oral History Project of the Historical Society of the District of Columbia Circuit were given to the Library of Congress by the society between 1997 and 2007.

Copyright Status

Copyright in the interviews of the Oral History Project of the Historical Society of the District of Columbia Circuit is reserved. Consult a reference librarian in the Manuscript Division for further information.

Access and Restrictions

The Oral History interviews of the Historical Society of the District of Columbia Circuit are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Historical Society of the District of Columbia Circuit, Oral History Interviews, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The Oral History Project of the Historical Society of the District of Columbia Circuit was initiated in 1991 to preserve the recollections of judges, judges's spouses, lawyers, and court staff associated with the United States Circuit Court for the District of Columbia. The interviews document primarily the period from the 1940s to 2004 and include biographical information, discussions of the judicial process, history of the circuit, the evolution of significant cases, and the role of law clerks in the circuit. Among the interviewees are Robert S. Bennett, Robert H. Bork, James Lane Buckley, Lloyd N. Cutler, Samuel Dash, Gerhard Alden Gesell, David Ginsburg, Erwin N. Griswold, Harold H. Greene, Abner J. Mikva, E. Barrett Prettyman, Joseph L. Rauh, Patricia M. Wald, Paul C. Warnke, and Helen Patton Wright. Each transcript is supplemented by an index.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by name of interviewee.

Container List

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
BOX 1	Transcripts
BOX 1	Attridge, Patrick J., 1997
BOX 1	Bennett, Robert S., 2003
BOX 1	Bernstein, Joan Z., 1998-2000
BOX 1	Bork, Robert H., 1992
BOX 1	Buckley, James L., 1995-1996
BOX 1	Campbell, Edmund D., 1994
BOX 1	Carliner, David, 1997-1998
BOX 1	Cutler, Lloyd N., 1992
BOX 1	Dash, Samuel, 1997-2003
BOX 2	di Genova, Joseph, 2003
BOX 2	Flannery, Thomas A., 1992
BOX 2	Freeman, Milton V., 1995
BOX 2	Gardner, Warner W., 1997-1998
BOX 2	Gasch, Oliver, 1991-1992
BOX 2	Gesell, Gerhard A., 1991
BOX 2	Ginsburg, David, 1998
BOX 2	Goldbloom, Irwin, 1992
BOX 3	Green, Joyce Hens, 1999-2001
BOX 3	Green, June L., 1997-1998
BOX 3	Greene, Harold H., 1992, 1996
BOX 3	Gribbon, Daniel M., 1997
BOX 3	Griswold, Erwin N., 1992
BOX 3	Harris, Stanley S., 1995, 2002 (2 folders)
BOX 4	Horsky, Charles A., 1992-1994
BOX 4	Jackson, Thomas Penfield, 1995, 2003-2004
BOX 4	Kay, Alan, 1997
BOX 4	Kramer, A.J., 1998-1999
BOX 4	MacKinnon, George E., 1994
BOX 4	McKay, James C., 2003
BOX 4	McPherson, Harry C., 2003
BOX 5	Mikva, Abner J., 1996-1999
BOX 5	Miller, Herbert J., 1995-1996
BOX 5	Nordlinger, Bernard I., 1992
BOX 5	Oberdorfer, Louis F., 1992
BOX 5	O'Donnell, John Jude, 1997
BOX 5	O'Donoghue, Daniel W., 1996
BOX 5	Olender, Jack H., 2004
BOX 5	Pickering, John H., 1992
BOX 5	Pitofsky, Robert, 2003-2004

Container List

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
BOX 6	Pratt, John H., 1992-1993
BOX 6	Prettyman, E. Barrett (1925-), 1996-1997
BOX 6	Rauh, Joseph L., 1992
BOX 6	Robinson, Aubrey E., Jr., 1992
BOX 6	Ruff, Charles F.C., 2000
BOX 6	Silberman, Laurence H., 2001-2002
BOX 6	Silbert, Earl J., 1992
BOX 6	Temko, Stanley L., 2002
BOX 7	Vieth, G. Duane, 2003-2004
BOX 7	Wald, Patricia M., 1992-2003
BOX 7	Warnke, Paul C., 2001
BOX 7	Westwood, Howard C., 1992
BOX 7	Wollenberg, J. Roger, 1995-1996
BOX 7	Wright, Helen Patton, 1995-1996