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Summary Information

Repository	University of Pennsylvania: Biddle Law Library: National Bankruptcy Archives
Creator	National Bankruptcy Conference (U.S.)
Title	National Bankruptcy Conference Records
Call number	NBA.004
Date [inclusive]	1948-1996
Extent	1.3 linear feet (56 items)
Language	English
Abstract	<p>The National Bankruptcy Conference is a voluntary, non-profit, self-supporting organization of lawyers, law teachers, and bankruptcy judges who have achieved scholarly distinction in the field of bankruptcy law. Its purpose is to study the operation of bankruptcy and related laws and proposals for their reform. The Conference participated as a consultant to Congress in every substantial amendment of the Bankruptcy Act up to the 1970s. The collection includes minutes summaries of proceedings of National Bankruptcy Conference meetings from 1948 to 1996 and reports submitted by the Committee on Coordination of Uniform Commercial Code and Bankruptcy Act.</p>

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Biography/History

The National Bankruptcy Conference is a voluntary, non-profit, self-supporting organization of lawyers, law teachers, and bankruptcy judges who have achieved scholarly distinction in the field of bankruptcy law. Its purpose is to study the operation of bankruptcy and related laws and proposals for their reform. The organization was formalized in the 1940s from a nucleus of leading bankruptcy scholars gathered informally in the 1930s to assist Congress in the drafting of the Chandler Act of 1938, the first comprehensive revision of the Bankruptcy Act of 1898. Thereafter, the Conference continued its interest in bankruptcy law, revitalized its membership from time to time with additional emerging experts, and monitored the operation of bankruptcy law in practice. It consulted Congress in every substantial amendment of the Bankruptcy Act up to the 1970s.

Work Cited: National Bankruptcy Conference mission statement.

Scope and Contents

The collection includes minutes summaries of proceedings of National Bankruptcy Conference meetings from 1948 to 1996 and reports submitted by the Committee on Coordination of Uniform Commercial Code and Bankruptcy Act.

Arrangement note

Arrangement

1. Minutes
2. Committee on Coordination of Uniform Commercial Code

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Custodial History note

Records received from Gerald K. Smith were maintained by Frank Kennedy, who served as Secretary of the National Bankruptcy Conference, 1981-1990.

Records received from Harvey I. Forman were maintained by Leon Forman until his death in 2006.

Immediate Source of Acquisition note

First shipment received from Gerald K. Smith in May 2001.

Proceedings from 1956, 1959-1961, 1964-1971, 1977, 1982, 1984-1987, 1989-1992, 1996 received from Harvey I. Forman on May 26, 2006.

Committee materials and 1996 Annual Meeting Program received from Harvey I. Forman on May 26, 2006.

Processing Information note

First shipment processed by Melissa Backes, May 2001.

Second shipment processed by Jordon Steele, December 2006.

Encoded by Jordon Steele, July 2006.

Controlled Access Headings

FORM/GENRE(S)

- Minutes

SUBJECT(S)

- Uniform commercial code

Collection Inventory

	Box	Folder
MINUTES, 1948-1992, 1996. 54 ITEMS.	1	1-42
Scope and Contents note	2	1-12

Chiefly minutes (called a "Summary of Proceedings" in most documents) that record the proceedings from the National Bankruptcy Conference Annual and Mid-Year Meetings. This series also includes transcripts from the 1962 and 1963 annual meetings. Some minutes include handwritten marginalia by Frank Kennedy, who served as Secretary of the National Bankruptcy Conference from 1981 to 1990. Also included with the October 1996 meeting minutes are handouts of reference material given out to attendees of that meeting. The series concludes with minutes from the meeting of the Executive Committee that took place on October 23, 1986.

Arrangement note

Chronological by date of meeting.

	Box	Folder
COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION OF UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE AND BANKRUPTCY ACT REPORTS, 1967 (?)-1968. 2 ITEMS.	2	13-14

Arrangement note

Chronological.

Scope and Contents note

Reports detailing the activity of the Committee on Coordination of Uniform Commercial Code and Bankruptcy Act and disseminated to National Bankruptcy Conference members prior to the annual meeting.