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Summary Information

Repository	University of Pennsylvania: Biddle Law Library: National Bankruptcy Archives
Creator	Cosetti, Joseph L.
Title	Joseph L. Cosetti Papers
Call number	NBA.025
Date [bulk]	1989-1992
Date [inclusive]	1972-2001
Extent	3 linear feet (about 1400 items)
Language	English
Abstract	<p>Joseph L. Cosetti was appointed United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania in 1980, where he served as Chief Judge until 1994. He served as President of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges (NCBJ) from 1991 to 1992. The NCBJ, which provides continuing legal education to judges, lawyers and other involved professionals, aims to secure a greater degree of quality and uniformity in the administration of the bankruptcy system and to improve the practice of law in the bankruptcy courts. Papers in the collection span the period of 1972-2001, with the majority of the documents created in the years 1989-1992. Chiefly represented are materials created by the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges and collected by the Office of the President from 1989 to 1992.</p>

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Biography/History

After having received his J.D. from Duquesne University School of Law in 1975, Joseph L. Cosetti was appointed United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania in 1980. Joe Cosetti served as Chief Judge of the Western District from 1985 to 1994, when he retired and was immediately recalled. He was a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the American Bankruptcy Institute, and the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, where he served as President from 1991 to 1992.

The National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges (NCBJ) provides continuing legal education to judges, lawyers and other involved professionals and promotes cooperation among Bankruptcy Judges. The association aims to secure a greater degree of quality and uniformity in the administration of the Bankruptcy system and to improve the practice of law in the Bankruptcy Courts. The NCBJ has financially supported the National Bankruptcy Archives at Biddle Law Library since the archives' inception.

Scope and Contents

The Joseph L. Cosetti Papers span the period of 1972-2001, with the majority of the documents created in the years 1989-1992. Chiefly represented are materials collected by Cosetti as President of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges (NCBJ) from 1991 to 1992. The collection includes budget reports, financial records, tax forms, letters, and other material from Cosetti's office as President; correspondence, letters, memoranda, reports, meeting minutes, rosters, notes, and other papers relating to the committees, liaison committees, and meetings that included members of the NCBJ; letters, memoranda, notes, and other papers relating to correspondence among NCBJ members and created during Cosetti's tenure as NCBJ president; papers relating to two major publications of the NCBJ, the *American Bankruptcy Law Journal* and the "Conference Newsletter" ; subject files relating to issues in which members of the NCBJ actively participated, including clerk consolidation, judicial retirement, judicial compensation, and the establishment of an archives of NCBJ materials; and press releases and other publications relating to Cosetti's tenure as NCBJ president.

Arrangement of Collection

1. National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges Materials
2. Committees
3. Meetings
4. Subject Files

Administrative Information

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Access Restrictions

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Use Restrictions

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Acquisitions Information

Received from Joseph L. Cosetti in 2001.

Processing Information

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Controlled Access Headings

CORPORATE NAME(S)

- American Bankruptcy Institute
- American Bar Association
- National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges (U.S.)

SUBJECT(S)

- Bankruptcy

Collection Inventory

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF BANKRUPTCY JUDGES MATERIALS, 1972-1994.

	Box	Folder
Board of Governors, 1990-1991.	1	1-5
Scope and Contents note		
Meeting materials collected and circulated at meetings of the Board of Governors, and correspondence regarding a 1990 vacancy on the board.		
Membership, 1990-1991.	1	6

COMMITTEES, 1973, 1987-1994.

Scope and Contents note

Correspondence, letters, memoranda, reports, meeting minutes, rosters, notes, and other material relating to the committee activities of members of the NCBJ. NCBJ committees advised federal judges, Congress, and national law organizations on matters concerning bankruptcy rules, practices and legislation. The committees also focused on the organization's internal issues.

	Box	Folder
Committee Rosters, 1989-1991.	1	7
Archives Committee, 1992.	1	8
Automation and Technology Committee, 1988-1991.	1	9-10
Awards Committee, 1991.	1	11
Bylaws Committee, 1973, 1987-1990.	1	12

Endowment for Education, 1990-1991.	1	13
Executive Committee, 1990.	1	14
Federal Courts Study Committee, 1989.	1	15
Finance Committee, 1990-1991.	1	16
Legislative Committee, 1989-1992.	1	17-18
Scope and Contents note		
Includes materials on the S. 646 Amendment.		
Liaison Committees, 1989-1992.	2	1
Scope and Contents note	1	19
Correspondence, letters, memoranda, reports, meeting minutes, notes, and other material relating to NCBJ liaison committees, which partnered with national law organizations and federal associations to provide advice on matters relating to bankruptcy rules, practices, and legislation. Committees include American Bankruptcy Institute Liaison Committee, American Bar Association Liaison Committee, Commercial Law League Liaison Committee, Federal Bar Association Liaison Committee, Federal Courts Study Committee Liaison Committee, National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees Liaison Committee, National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees Liaison Committee, and National Conference of Bankruptcy Clerks Liaison Committee.		
Memorials Committee, 1990-1991.	2	2
Nominating and Election Committee, 1990-1991.	2	3
Seminars Committee, 1989.	2	4
Site Selection Committee, 1989-1994.	2	5-6

MEETINGS, 1988-1992.

	Box	Folder
GENERAL, 1988-1989.	2	7

ANNUAL MEETINGS, 1990-1992.

	Box	Folder
64th Annual Conference, 1990.	2	8
65th Annual Conference, 1990-1991.	2	9-11
66th Annual Conference, 1992.	2	12

	Box	Folder
MID-YEAR MEETINGS, 1991.	2	13

	Box	Folder
WILLIAM H. REHNQUIST MEETING, 1991.	2	14

CORRESPONDENCE, 1984-1992.

Arrangement note

Alphabetical.

Scope and Contents note

Letters, memoranda, notes, and other papers relating to correspondence among NCBJ members and created during Cosetti's tenure as NCBJ president.

	Box	Folder
General, 1984-1992.	2	15-16
Brooks, Sidney B., 1991.	2	17
George, Lloyd D., 1991.	2	18

PUBLICATIONS, 1982-1993.

Arrangement note

Alphabetical.

Scope and Contents note

Correspondence, letters, memoranda, reports, meeting minutes, agendas, publications, newsletters, notes and other material relating to the NCBJ's principal publications, the *American Bankruptcy Law Journal* and the conference newsletter.

	Box	Folder
<i>American Bankruptcy Law Journal</i> , 1982-1993.	2	19-21
"Conference News" , 1990-1991.	3	1

COMMITTEES, 1990-1992.

Arrangement note

Alphabetical.

Scope and Contents note

Correspondence, letters, memoranda, reports, reference material, and other material relating to American Bar Association committees and Federal Judiciary committees with which the NCBJ had no official affiliation. The NCBJ petitioned and advised these organizations on bankruptcy rules, practices, and legislation.

	Box	Folder
American Bar Association Bankruptcy Judges Committee, 1990-1991.	3	2
American Bar Association Section of Business Law, 1991.	3	3
Committee on Administration of the Bankruptcy System, 1990-1991.	3	4

Committee on Codes of Conduct, 1990-1991.	3	5
House Subcommittee on Economic and Commercial Law, 1991-1992.	3	6
Long Range Planning Subcommittee, 1992.	3	7
Judiciary Space and Facilities Committee, 1990-1992.	3	8-9
Subcommittee on Temporary Judgeships, 1991-1992.	3	10

MEETINGS, 1990-1991.

Scope and Contents note

Correspondence, letters, memoranda, reports, meeting minutes, agendas, programs, notes, and other material relating to other meetings sponsored by the NCBJ or attended by members of the NCBJ.

	Box	Folder
American Bankruptcy Institute Ceremony, 1990.	3	11
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHAPTER 13 TRUSTEES ANNUAL SEMINAR, 1991.	Box 3	Folder 12
SOUTHEASTERN BANKRUPTCY LAW INSTITUTE ANNUAL MEETING ON BANKRUPTCY LAW AND RULES, 1991.	Box 3	Folder 13

SUBJECT FILES, 1982-2001.

Arrangement note

Alphabetical.

Scope and Contents note

Correspondence, letters, memoranda, reports, reference material, bills, legislative material, publications, and other material relating to issues in which the NCBJ actively participated during Cosetti's tenure as the conference's president.

	Box	Folder
Bankruptcy Appellate Panels, 1991.	3	14
Case Closing Procedures, 1982,1989.	3	15
Consolidation of Clerks' Office, 1986, 1990-1991.	3	16-17
Scope and Contents note		
Includes correspondence with the National Conference of Bankruptcy Clerks.		
Fiduciary Standards in the Administration of Bankruptcy Estates Act of 1992, 1992.	3	18
Judicial Survivors Annuities System, 1989-1992.	3	19
Judgeships: Work Measurement Study, 1991.	3	20
Katsenmeier Fund, 1991.	3	21
Kingsmill, Thomas H.: Retirement, 1991.	3	22
<i>M&A Journal</i> Article regarding Allegheny International, 2001.	3	23
Newsletters mentioning Cosetti's presidency of the NCBJ, 1990-1991.	3	24
Podesta Associates, Inc., 1989-1992.	3	25

Security of Bankruptcy Judges, 1989-1991.

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Miscellaneous, 1989-1990.

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