

# **Robert D. Martin Papers**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	University of Pennsylvania: Biddle Law Library: National Bankruptcy Archives
<b>Creator</b>	Martin, Robert D.
<b>Title</b>	Robert D. Martin Papers
<b>Call number</b>	NBA.009
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1982-2000
<b>Extent</b>	9 linear feet (about 4000 items)
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	<p>Robert D. Martin (1944-) was appointed Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Western District of Wisconsin in 1978. Martin was a charter fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy and a conferee of the National Bankruptcy Conference. He was a member of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges (NCBJ), an organization devoted to providing to providing education and advice relating to bankruptcy legislation. Martin served on the Board of Governors of the NCBJ from 1988 to 1991, as Secretary in 1994, and as the conference's President in 1996. The collection, 1982-2000, includes materials relating to Martin's activities as a committee member, Secretary, and President of the NCBJ; as a member of the National Bankruptcy Conference, which participated in the National Bankruptcy Review Commission in the mid-1990s; as a federal judge on the Judicial Conference of the United States; as a lecturer, panelist, and participant in seminars, workshops, and meetings across the United States; as a researcher and expert on a variety of bankruptcy related issues; and related material.</p>

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## **Biography/History**

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Robert D. Martin was born in Iowa City, Iowa in 1994. A graduate of the University of Chicago Law School in 1969, Robert Martin began his career in law as an Attorney with Ross and Stevens, S.C., in Madison, Wisconsin. He worked for Ross and Stevens, specializing in bankruptcy litigation, until 1978, when he was appointed Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Western District of Wisconsin. Martin was a charter fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy and a conferee of the National Bankruptcy Conference. From the onset of his career as a bankruptcy judge, he was a member of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges (NCBJ), an organization devoted to providing to providing education and advice relating to bankruptcy legislation. Martin served on the Board of Governors of the NCBJ from 1988 to 1991, as Secretary in 1994, and as the conference's President in 1996. Martin is also a reputed expert on bankruptcy law. He served as a panelist and lecturer at myriad bankruptcy seminars, conferences, and meetings. He also authored a number of volumes on bankruptcy law, including *Ginsberg and Martin on Bankruptcy* (written with Robert E. Ginsburg) in 2000 and, beginning in 1988, *Norton Bankruptcy Law and Practice*.

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## **Scope and Contents**

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## **Administrative Information**

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### **Acquisitions Information**

Received from Robert D. Martin in 2001.

### **Processing Information**

Processed and encoded by Jordon Steele, October 2006.

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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### **CORPORATE NAME(S)**

- National Bankruptcy Review Commission (U.S.)
- National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges (U.S.)

### **PERSONAL NAME(S)**

- Patchan, Joseph
- Rehnquist, William H., 1924-2005

### **SUBJECT(S)**

- Bankruptcy

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## **Other Finding Aids note**

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A container list is available offline in spreadsheet form. Please contact the archives for more information.

## Collection Inventory

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### NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF BANKRUPTCY JUDGES MATERIALS, 1982-2000.

	Box	Folder
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE FILES, 1988-1998.</b>	1	1-16

#### Scope and Contents note

This series includes materials relating to Martin's activities as a member of the Board of Governors, the chief governing body of the NCBJ, and as NCBJ president.

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	Box	Folder
<b>AMERICAN BANKRUPTCY LAW JOURNAL, 1995-1996, 1998.</b>	1	17
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	5	4

Correspondence with editors, articles, and related material regarding the activities of the *American Bankruptcy Law Journal*, the official scholarly publication of the NCBJ.

### COMMITTEES, 1986-1999.

#### Scope and Contents note

Letters, memoranda, reports, minutes, and related materials regarding committees that Martin served on and oversaw as President of the NCBJ.

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<b>ACADEMIC OUTREACH COMMITTEE, 1999.</b>	Box 1	Folder 19
<b>AD HOC COMMITTEE ON ORIENTATION OF NEW GOVERNORS, 1996.</b>	Box 1	Folder 20
<b>AD HOC COMMITTEE TO STUDY JUDICIAL ROLE OF BANKRUPTCY JUDGES, 1994.</b>	Box 1	Folder 21
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, 1993-1994.</b>	Box 1	Folder 22
<b>ARCHIVES COMMITTEE, 1991-1995, 1999.</b>	Box 1	Folder 23
<b>AUTOMATION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE, 1995.</b>	Box 1	Folder 24
<b>AWARDS COMMITTEE, 1995-1996.</b>	Box 1	Folder 25
<b>BYLAWS COMMITTEE, 1988-1992.</b>	Box 1 2	Folder 26-27 1
<b>ELECTIONS COMMITTEE, 1991-1999.</b>	Box 2	Folder 2-3
<b>ENDOWMENT FOR EDUCATION, 1995-1996.</b>	Box 2	Folder 4
<b>ETHICS COMMITTEE, 1995.</b>	Box 2	Folder 5
<b>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, 1996-1997.</b>	Box 2	Folder 6
<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE, 1995-1998.</b>	Box 2	Folder 7-8
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<b>INTERNATIONAL LAW RELATIONS COMMITTEE, 1995-1996.</b>	2	9
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Association of Bankruptcy Judicial Assistants Liaison Committee, 1996.	2	17
Commercial Law League of America Liaison Committee, 1995-1996.	2	18
Federal Bar Association Liaison Committee, 1995.	2	19
Federal Courts Study Liaison Committee, 1989.	2	20
National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees Liaison Committee, 1995-1996.	2	21
National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees Liaison Committee, 1995-1996.	2	22
National Bar Association Liaison Committee, 1996.	2	23
National Bankruptcy Review Commission Liaison Committee, 1995-1996.	2	24
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United States Trustee Liaison Committee, 1995-1996.	2	26
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<b>MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE, 1995-1996.</b>	2	27
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**Scope and Contents note**

Letters, memoranda, and related material regarding Martin's legislative and administrative activities on behalf of the NCBJ.

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<b>MEETINGS, 1982-2000.</b>	3	8-24
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As a member and president of NCBJ, Martin participated in and planned a number of NCBJ meetings, especially the organization's annual conference. This series includes correspondence, memoranda, planning materials, reports, programs, minutes, and related material.

**SUBJECT FILES, 1994-1996.**

	Box	Folder
<b>Conference Comparison Study, 1996.</b>	5	5

**Scope and Contents note**

Correspondence, research materials, and related materials regarding a NCBJ

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study of the annual conference pay structure of other legal organizations, initiated in an effort to determine an appropriate fee for the NCBJ's own annual meetings.

**NCBJ History, 1994-1996.**

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**Scope and Contents note**

Correspondence and copies of articles relating to the history of the NCBJ.

**Trustee Matters, 1995-1996.**

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**NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY REVIEW COMMISSION MATERIALS, 1995-1997.**

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In 1995, a congressional task force was formed to study existing bankruptcy legislation and suggests revisions to the Bankruptcy Code. Many of the members of the National Bankruptcy Review Commission (NBRC) were affiliated with the National Bankruptcy Conference, of which Martin was a member. This series includes correspondence, reports, meeting agenda, meeting minutes, and related material regarding Martin's participation, on behalf of the National Bankruptcy Conference, in the activities of the NBRC.

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**JUDICIAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED STATES MATERIALS, 1994-1996.**

**Scope and Contents note**

As a bankruptcy judge in the 7th Federal Judicial Circuit, Martin was a member of the Judicial Conference of the United States, the official organization of federal judges. This series includes correspondence, meeting programs, and related material regarding Martin's activity within the Judicial Conference.

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Judicial Conference Committee, 1994.	6	3
Committee on the Administration of the Bankruptcy System, 1996.	6 9	4-5 4

### **ORGANIZATIONAL PARTICIPATION, 1983-1999.**

#### **Scope and Contents note**

Programs, correspondence, and related material regarding Martin's participation as a lecturer, panelist, and attendee of organizational meetings on bankruptcy across the United States.

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Association of Insolvency Accountants Annual Bankruptcy and Reorganization Conference, 1996.	6	7
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Central California Bankruptcy Institute Annual Meeting, 1999.	6	9
Commercial Law League of America Bankruptcy and Insolvency Education Program, 1991 April 9.	9	8
Dallas-Fort Worth Chapter 13 Debtor Education/Credit Rehabilitation Program, 1996.	6	10
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Southeastern Bankruptcy Law Institute Meeting, 1988-1989.	9	9
"A View from the Bench" Panel, Third Annual Midwestern Bankruptcy Conference, 1993.	9	2
Visa Member Executive Conference, 1996 July.	9	3

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**SUBJECT FILES, 1995-1996.**

**Scope and Contents note**

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<b>Bingham Legislative Alerts, 1995-1996.</b>	9	5
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>		
A collection of memoranda that details pending bankruptcy legislation, issued by bankruptcy law practitioner Suzanne Bingham to interested members of the bankruptcy community, including Martin.		
<b>Judges' Pay Issue, 1996.</b>	9	6
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>		

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Correspondence and related materials regarding bankruptcy legislation that concerned the financial compensation and benefits of federal bankruptcy judges.

**Podesta Memoranda, 1995-1996.**

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**Scope and Contents note**

A collection of memoranda that details pending bankruptcy legislation, issued by the lobbying firm Podesta Associates, sent to interested members of the bankruptcy community, including Martin.