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Summary Information

Repository	University of Pennsylvania: Biddle Law Library: National Bankruptcy Archives
Creator	National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges (U.S.)
Title	National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges Records
Call number	NBA.012
Date [inclusive]	1926 - 2013
Extent	20 linear feet (about 5500 items)
Language	English
Abstract	<p>The National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges (NCBJ) was founded in 1926 to provide continuing legal education to bankruptcy judges, lawyers, and other practitioners, and to advise and influence Congress in an effort to represent the interests of bankruptcy judges with regards to pending bankruptcy legislation, and to promote greater uniformity and understanding of existing bankruptcy law. The collection, 1926-2007, includes materials related to organizational activity as it relates to the field of bankruptcy law, including administrative files, committee papers, meeting materials, legislative activity, publications, and related material.</p>

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Biography/History

The National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges (NCBJ) was founded in 1926 to provide continuing legal education to bankruptcy judges, lawyers, and other practitioners, and to advise and influence Congress in an effort to represent the interests of bankruptcy judges with regards to pending bankruptcy legislation, and to promote greater uniformity and understanding of existing bankruptcy law. Originally known as the National Association of Referees in Bankruptcy, the NCBJ was conceived as a response to the increasing influence of the National Bankruptcy Conference, an association which consisted primarily of bankruptcy scholars and lawyers.

Scope and Contents

The National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges Records (1926-2013) include materials related to organizational activity as it relates to the field of bankruptcy law, including administrative files, committee papers, meeting materials, legislative activity, publications, and related material.

Arrangement of Collection

1. Administration
 2. Committees
 3. Meetings
 4. Endowment for Education
 5. Legislative Activities
 6. Publications
 7. Correspondence
 8. Memorial Resolution Materials
 9. Commemorative Materials
 10. Photographs
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Administrative Information

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Access Restrictions

The archives reserves the right to restrict access to materials of sensitive nature. Please contact the department for further information.

Use Restrictions

Copyright is retained by the authors of items in these papers, or their descendants, as stipulated by United States copyright law.

Accruals note

2000 issues of Conference newsletter received from Nancy C. Dreher in 2003.

1985 Bylaws and 1988 Board of Governors meeting minutes received from Henley A. Hunter, via T. Hartley Kingsmill, on June 7, 2005.

Shipment received from Christine J. Molick in March 2006.

Proceedings of the 36th Conference (1962) received from Harvey I. Forman on May 26, 2006.

Memorial Resolutions from 2005 and 2006 received from Randall L. Dunn in November 2006.

2002-2004 issues of *American Bankruptcy Law Journal* received from Christine J. Molick on December 8, 2006.

Selected issues of *American Bankruptcy Law Journal* from 2005 and 2006; program materials from the 2006 NCBJ Annual Conference; a "save the date" magnet for the 2007 NCBJ Annual Conference; and video and audiotaped proceedings of the 2004-2006 annual conferences received from Christine J. Molick on January 10, 2007.

Selected issues of the *Journal of the National Association of Referees in Bankruptcy* received from Mary Davies Scott in February 2007.

Acquisitions Information

Received in multiple shipments from Robert D. Martin, Henley A. Hunter, Frank Koger, Mary D. Scott, Samuel Bufford, and Christine J. Molick, all on behalf of the NCBJ, from 2002 to 2004.

Processing Information

Additional processing by Emily Johns, September 2014

Additional processing by Leslie O'Neill, April 2013 and September 2014

Processed and encoded by Jordon Steele, October 2006.

Collection guide revised by Jordon Steele, November 2006.

Controlled Access Headings

FORM/GENRE(S)

- DVDs
- Oral histories (document genres)
- Photographs

PERSONAL NAME(S)

- Kelley, Ralph H. (Ralph Houston), 1928-2004
- Scott, Mary Davies, 1944-

SUBJECT(S)

- Bankruptcy

Other Finding Aids note

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

Location of offline container list

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Collection Inventory

ADMINISTRATION, 1972-2000.

Scope and Contents note

Records regarding administrative activities of the NCBJ.

Box	Folder
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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND BYLAWS, 1972-1973, 1998 AND UNDATED.

Box	Folder
1	4-14

BOARD OF GOVERNORS, 1990-2000.

Scope and Contents note

Correspondence, reports, minutes, photographs, and related material, created by and submitted to the Board of Governors, the chief governing body of the NCBJ.

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AMERICAN DISABILITIES ACT CONTRACT, 1992.

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1	16

LETTERHEAD, 1986, 1989-2003.

Box	Folder
1	17-21

MEMBERSHIP, 1982-1985, 1994-2000.

Scope and Contents note

Letters of acceptance to the NCBJ, applications, Administrative Office Memoranda of Judicial Appointments, correspondence, membership rosters, and related records.

Box	Folder
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REPORTS, 1992-2002 AND UNDATED.

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Scope and Contents note

Chiefly NCBJ committee reports. The series also includes reports submitted to the NCBJ by organizations unaffiliated with the conference, and related material.

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Folder

TAX EXEMPTION NOTICE, 1982.

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Box

Folder

TREASURER'S OFFICE, 1975-1981.

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COMMITTEES, 1983-1985, 1992-2002.**Scope and Contents note**

Records regarding committee activity.

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Folder

Committee Rosters, 1992-1998.

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Correspondence, 1998, 2002.

2

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Sick and Bereavement Committee, 1983-1985.

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Scope and Contents note

Description of function of committee.

MEETINGS, 1932-2007.

	Box	Folder
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ANNUAL MEETINGS, 1932-2007.

Scope and Contents note

Meeting programs, educational programs, correspondence, memoranda, "Judges' Roundtable" materials, photographs, and related material.

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56th Annual Conference, 1982.	2	42
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69th Annual Conference, 1995.	4	1-6
70th Annual Conference, 1996.	4	7-10
71st Annual Conference, 1997.	4	11-13
72nd Annual Conference, 1998.	4	14-16
Scope and Contents note		
Program materials and materials from the 25-Year Judges and Referees Ceremony.		
73rd Annual Conference, 1999.	4	17-18
74th Annual Conference, 2000.	5	1-2
75th Annual Conference, 2001.	5	3-4

76th Annual Conference, 2002.	5	5-8
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77th Annual Conference, 2003.	5	9-10
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78th Annual Conference, 2004.		15
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PROCEEDINGS, 2004 OCTOBER 10-13.

PAPERS, 2004 OCTOBER 10-13. 2 DISCS.

Scope and Contents note

PDF files of papers presented at the conference.

"LEGENDS OF THE LAW" DISCUSSION, 2004 OCTOBER 13. 4 VIDEOTAPES.

Scope and Contents note

Videotaped discussion of a panel including Leon S. Forman, Gerald F. Munitz, and Barbara J. Houser as moderator.

79th Annual Conference, 2005.	5	11
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80th Annual Conference, 2006.	5	12
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Scope and Contents note

Include "Legends of the Law" discussion.

81st Annual Conference, 2007. 1 item.	5	13
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FEDERAL JUDICIAL CENTER WORKSHOP MATERIALS, 1999.

Biographical/Historical note

The NCBJ partnered with the Federal Judicial Center to provide workshops for new and veteran bankruptcy judges.

Scope and Contents note

Includes photograph of participants from 1999.

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5	15

WILLIAM H. REHNQUIST MEETING, 1994.

Biographical/Historical note

In 1994 and 1995, select members of the NCBJ met with Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist to discuss pending bankruptcy legislation, including the Bankruptcy Judgeship Act of 1995, that affected the status and activity of bankruptcy judges.

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MEETING EPHEMERA, 1990-2003, 2005.

Scope and Contents note

A selection of handbags, t-shirts, coffee mugs, and related material given out at NCBJ annual meetings.

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NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY ARCHIVES SIGNING CEREMONY PHOTOGRAPHS, 2000.

Scope and Contents note

Photographs taken of Elizabeth Kelly, Dean Mike Fitts, Mary Davies Scott, Ray Shapiro, and others during the ceremony at the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges' Annual Meeting, at which the agreement to establish the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges Archives was signed.

ENDOWMENT FOR EDUCATION, 1990-2000.

Scope and Contents note

The NCBJ established the Endowment for Education in 1995 to provide grants, stipends, and other financial support for bankruptcy research and education in an effort to improve the judicial administration of bankruptcy cases and proceedings.

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5 16-19

ADMINISTRATION, 1995-1996, 2002 AND UNDATED.

Scope and Contents note

Includes charter, grant application procedures, and a report.

Box Folder
7 1-4

BOARD MATERIALS, 1990-2000.

Scope and Contents note

A compilation of committee documents, including charters, funding history, grant proposals, minutes, and related material. The materials were assembled for use by board members of the Endowment for Education.

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MINUTES, 1991-1993.

BANKRUPTCY REFORM ACT OF 1978, 1973-1976.

Box Folder

"An Early Version of the Judges' Bill" , 1973.

7 8

Section-by-Section Analysis of the "Commission Bill" , 1976.

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PUBLICATIONS, 1926-2007.

	Box	Folder
<i>JOURNAL OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REFEREES IN BANKRUPTCY, 1926-1970.</i>	7	10-39
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Scope and Contents note

A selection of issues from the NCBJ's first publication, which initially existed to document proceedings of conference meetings.

	Box	Folder
"THE SILVER WHISTLE" , 1970-1971, 1996.	8	15

Biographical/Historical note

In 1970, the NCBJ decided to create a conference newsletter to report on organizational matters. The newsletter's first incarnation, "The Silver Whistle," was an irreverent interpretation of this task. "The Silver Whistle" lasted only three issues before the NCBJ refashioned it as a more professional newsletter.

Scope and Contents note

The entire run of the newsletter (which lasted only three issues), and a letter from A.D. Kahn to Mary Scott regarding the history of "The Silver Whistle."

CONFERENCE NEWSLETTER, 1971-2000.

	Box	Folder
Contributor Information, 1989-1995.	8	16
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1971, May; 1971, July; 1971, November.		8-17a
1972, February; 1972, May; 1972, August.		8-17b
1976, January; 1976, March; 1976, June; 1976, September; 1976, November.		8-18

1977, August; 1977, November.	8-19
1978, August.	8-20
1979, February; 1979, July.	8-21
Vol. 1980, No. 2; Vol. 1980, No. 3.	8-22
Vol. 1981, No. 1; Vol. 1981, No. 2.	8-23
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Vol. 1984, January, No. 1; Vol. 1984, March, No. 2; Vol. 1984, August, No. 3; Vol. 1984, November, No. 4.	8-26
Vol. 1985, February, No. 1; Vol. 1985, April, No. 2; Vol. 1985, August, No. 3; Vol. 1985, December, No. 4.	8-27
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Vol. 1990, March, No. 1; Vol. 1990, May, No. 2; Vol. 1990, July, No. 3; Vol. 1990, October, No. 8.	8-32
Vol. 1991, January, No. 1; Vol. 1991, March, No. 2; Vol. 1991, June, No. 3; Vol. 1991, August, No. 3; Vol. 1991, October, No. 4; Vol. 1991, December, No. 5.	8-33
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Vol. 1993, April, No. 1; Vol. 1993, August, No. 2; Vol. 1993, October, No. 3; Vol. 1993, December, No. 4.	8-35
Vol. 1994, March, No. 5; Vol. 1994, July, No. 6; 1994, September.	8-36
1995, January; 1995, July; 1995, October.	8-37
1996, January; 1996, June; 1996, October.	8-38
1997, March; 1997, June; 1997, October.	8-39
1998, February; 1998, August.	8-40
1999, Spring; 1999, Summer (part 1), 1999, Summer (part 2) , 1999, Fall.	8-41
2000, Summer; 2000, Winter.	8-42
1998, October.	19-1
199, January.	19-2
2000, Spring; 2000, Fall.	19-3
2001, Spring; 2001, Summer; 2001, Fall.	19-4
2002, Spring; 2002, Fall.	19-5
2003, Winter; 2003, Spring; 2003, Summer; 2003, Fall.	19-6
2004, Winter; 2004, Spring; 2004, Summer; 2004, Fall.	19-7
2005, Winter; 2005, Spring; 2005, Summer; 2005, Fall.	19-8
2006, Winter; 2006, Spring; 2006, Summer.	19-9
2007, Winter; 2007, Spring; 2007, Summer; 2007, Fall.	19-10

2008, Winter; 2008, Spring; 2008, Summer; 2008, Fall.	19-11a
2008, Winter; 2008, Spring; 2008, Summer; 2008, Fall.	19-11b
2009, Winter; 2009, Spring; 2009, Summer; 2009, Fall.	19-12
2010, Winter; 2010, Spring; 2010, Summer; 2010, Spring.	19-13
2011, Winter; 2011, Spring; 2011, Summer; 2011, Fall.	19-14
2012, Winter; 2012, Spring; 2012, Summer; 2012, Fall.	19-15a
2012, Winter.	19-15b
2013, Winter; 2013, Spring.	19-16

AMERICAN BANKRUPTCY LAW JOURNAL, 1972-2006.

Biographical/Historical note

The NCBJ created the *American Bankruptcy Law Journal* in 1972 as an organ devoted to scholarly issues pertaining to bankruptcy law.

Scope and Contents note

Administrative materials, correspondence, meeting materials, and journal issues.

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MEETINGS, 1996-1998.	Box 9	Folder 15-18
ISSUES, 1972-2006.		Box 10-13

CORRESPONDENCE, 1991, 2000.

	Box	Folder
Reagan Telegram, 1984 November 23.	14	1
Scope and Contents note		
Telegram from President Ronald Reagan to Hal Bonney, congratulating Bonney on his election as President of the NCBJ.		
Correspondence between Mary Davies Scott and Ralph Kelley, 2000.	14	2
Scope and Contents note		
Mary Davies Scott writes Kelley asking him for help in bringing the records of the NCBJ to the National Bankruptcy Archives. Attached is previous correspondence between Scott and Kelley.		

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION MATERIALS, 1987-2006.

	Box	Folder
Memorial Resolutions, 1987, 1989-1996, 1998, 2001-2002, 2005-2006.	14	7-16
Letters of Condolence, 1998.	14	17
Correspondence, 1993, 2003.	14	18

COMMEMORATIVE MATERIALS, 1976, 1998.

	Box	Folder
"A Conference Anniversary: 50 years in retrospect" , 1976.	14	19
Scope and Contents note		
A history of the conference, written by a Russell L. Hiller, to commemorate the founding of the conference.		

Copy of Bankruptcy Judges Retirement Benefits Act, 1998.	14	20
Scope and Contents note		
A commemorative copy of S. 1917, which installed progressive reforms to the retirement benefits of bankruptcy judges, with an enclosed letter from Ralph H. Kelley to Chris Molick, Executive Director of the NCBJ.		

PHOTOGRAPHS, 1990-2001 AND UNDATED. ABOUT 400 ITEMS.	Box	15
Scope and Contents note		
Assorted photographs documenting activities of the NCBJ, including meetings. This series also includes photographs of judges who were members of the NCBJ, perhaps used in issues of "Conference News."		

ORAL HISTORY PROJECT, 2004-2008. 15 ITEMS.	Box	18
Related Archival Materials note		
For detailed information about this series, please see NBA.012.001, which is available here.		