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## Summary Information

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<b>Abstract</b>	<p>Henry J. Sommer is one of the leading figures in bankruptcy, consumer law, and civil rights. Born in 1949 in Rochester, New York, Sommer received his JD <i>cum laude</i> from Harvard Law School in 1974. After graduating from Harvard, he worked for Community Legal Services in Philadelphia as Project Head of its Consumer Law Project until 1996. In addition to his role with Community Legal Services, Sommer has lectured at University of Pennsylvania Law School and worked as editor-in-chief of Collier on Bankruptcy. The Henry J. Sommer Papers, 1975-2005, include National Bankruptcy Conference papers, materials from Continuing Legal Education seminars and other meetings at which Sommer lectured, copies of published manuscripts and articles written by Sommer, videotapes of Sommer and colleagues holding seminars that educated practitioners about the Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1978, and related materials.</p>

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## **Biography/History**

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## **Scope and Contents**

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## **Arrangement note**

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1. National Bankruptcy Conference
2. National Consumer Law Center
3. Meetings and Speaking Engagements
4. Community Legal Services
5. Writings
6. Bankruptcy Seminar Videotapes
7. Publications

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## **Administrative Information**

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### **Processing Information note**

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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

- Community Legal Services (Philadelphia, Pa.)
- National Bankruptcy Conference (U.S.)
- National Consumer Law Center

### **FORM/GENRE(S)**

- Legal files
- Publications
- Video recordings

### **SUBJECT(S)**

- Bankruptcy
  - Cases
  - Consumer protection
  - Continuing education
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## **Other Finding Aids note**

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

## Collection Inventory

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### NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY CONFERENCE, 1979-1999.

#### GENERAL, 1983-1997.

Box  
1-7

#### Scope and Contents note

General correspondence and files on National Bankruptcy Conference-related matters.

#### Arrangement note

Loosely chronologically by file folder.

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National Consumer Law Center, <i>Consumer Bankruptcy Law and Practice/ 4th Edition</i> , 1992.	35	1
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