Collection Summary

Title: John Paul Frank Papers
Span Dates: 1936-2000
Bulk Dates: (bulk 1946-1971)
ID No.: MSS6409
Creator: Frank, John Paul, 1917-2002
Extent: 330 items ; 1 container ; .4 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
Summary: Author, lawyer, and professor. Correspondence, memoranda, a legislative bill, notes, photographs, speeches, and writings documenting Frank’s relationship as a law clerk and friend of Supreme Court Justice Hugo L. Black. Additional material relates to attempts to desegregate law schools in 1951 while Frank was a professor at Yale Law School and the creation of an intermediate court of appeals to assist in reducing the work of the Supreme Court of the United States, 1983-1987.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People
Black, Elizabeth (Elizabeth Seay)--Correspondence.
Black, Hugo LaFayette, 1886-1971.
Rehnquist, William H., 1924-2005--Correspondence.

Organizations
United States. Supreme Court.
Yale Law School--Faculty.

Subjects
Appellate courts--United States.
Judges--United States--Biography.
Segregation in higher education.

Occupations
Authors.
Educators.
Lawyers.

Administrative Information

Provenance
The papers of John Paul Frank, author, lawyer, and professor, were given to the Library of Congress by Frank in 1998 and 2000.

Transfers
Sound recordings and a videotape have been transferred to the Library's Motion Picture, Broadcasting, and Recorded Sound Division where they are identified as part of these papers.
Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of the John Paul Frank Papers is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of John Paul Frank are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, John Paul Frank Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1917, Nov. 10</td>
<td>Born, Appleton, Wis.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1938</td>
<td>B.A., University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1940</td>
<td>M.A. and L.L.B., University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1942</td>
<td>Law clerk to United States Supreme Court Justice Hugo L. Black</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1943</td>
<td>Assistant to secretary of the interior, Washington, D.C.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1944</td>
<td>Married Lorraine Weiss</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1944-1945</td>
<td>Assistant to the attorney general, Washington, D.C.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1946</td>
<td>J.S.D., Yale University, New Haven, Conn.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1946-1949</td>
<td>Assistant professor of law, Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1947</td>
<td>Attorney, law firm of Covington and Burling, Washington, D.C.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1949</td>
<td>Published <em>Mr. Justice Black</em>. New York: Knopf</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1949-1954</td>
<td>Associate professor of law, Yale University, New Haven, Conn.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1954-2002</td>
<td>Member of law firm, Lewis and Roca, Phoenix, Ariz.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1958</td>
<td>Published <em>Marble Palace: The Supreme Court in American Life</em>. New York: Knopf</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1961</td>
<td>Published <em>Lincoln as a Lawyer</em>. Urbana: University of Illinois Press</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Scope and Content Note
The papers of John Paul Frank (1917-2002) span the years 1936-2000 and include correspondence, memoranda, a legislative bill, notes, photographs, speeches, and writings. The bulk of the collection, 1946-1971, consists of correspondence with United States Supreme Court Justice Hugo LaFayette Black and Frank's memoranda, notes, and writings about Black. The correspondence began when Frank was a law clerk for Black in 1942 and continued until Black's death in 1971. The letters include exchanges of personal and family news, discussions of Frank's writings, and comments about Supreme Court opinions and related issues. The letters, along with Frank's memoranda and notes, form the basis for his book, Inside Justice Hugo L. Black: The Letters. Frank's correspondence also includes a few letters from Black's wife, Elizabeth, and from others writing about Black. The papers also contain speeches by Black, photographs, and other material relating to the justice.

Also documented in the papers are Frank's efforts to desegregate law schools in 1951 while a professor at Yale Law School and his interest in the creation of an intermediate court of appeals to assist in reducing the work of the Supreme Court. The “Intermediate court of appeals” folders include two letters from Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist.

Arrangement of the Papers
This collection is arranged alphabetically by name of person or organization.
## Container List

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Container</th>
<th>Contents</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| BOX 1     | Association of American Law Schools, Committee of Law Teachers Against Segregation, 1951 Black, Hugo LaFayette  
Correspondence, 1942-1974, undated  
(9 folders)  
Memoranda and notes, 1966-1971, undated  
Miscellany, 1966-1974, 1994, undated  
Photographs, 1965-1967, undated  
Speeches, 1936, 1955, 1961-1965  
Writings by Frank  
Background material, 1946-1969, undated  
(3 folders)  
Printed copy, 2000  
Miscellaneous, 1971-1976, undated  
(2 folders) |