

**John Paul Frank Papers**  
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## 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

**Extent:** 1 container

**Extent:** .4 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

**Location:** Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

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**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 LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

### People

Black, Elizabeth (Elizabeth Seay)--Correspondence.

Black, Hugo LaFayette, 1886-1971.

Frank, John P. (John Paul), 1917-2002.

Rehnquist, William H., 1924-2005--Correspondence.

### Organizations

United States. Congress. House. Committee on the Judiciary.

United States. Supreme Court.

Yale Law School--Faculty.

### Subjects

Appellate courts--United States.

Judges--United States--Biography.

Segregation in higher education.

### Titles

*John P. Frank papers*

### Occupations

Authors.

Educators.

Lawyers.

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The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of the John Paul Frank Papers is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).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

Date	Event
1917, Nov. 10	Born, Appleton, Wis.
1938	B.A., University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis.
1940	M.A. and L.L.B., University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis.
1942	Law clerk to United States Supreme Court Justice Hugo L. Black
1943	Assistant to secretary of the interior, Washington, D.C.
1944	Married Lorraine Weiss
1944-1945	Assistant to the attorney general, Washington, D.C.
1946	J.S.D., Yale University, New Haven, Conn.
1946-1949	Assistant professor of law, Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind.
1947	Attorney, law firm of Covington and Burling, Washington, D.C.
1948, 1953	Attorney, law firm of Arnold and Porter, Washington, D.C.
1949	Published <i>Mr. Justice Black</i> . New York: Knopf
1949-1954	Associate professor of law, Yale University, New Haven, Conn.
1950	Editor, <i>Cases and Materials on Constitutional Law</i> . Chicago: Callaghan
1951	Published <i>Cases on the Constitution</i> . New York: McGraw-Hill
1954-2002	Member of law firm, Lewis and Roca, Phoenix, Ariz.
1958	Published <i>Marble Palace: The Supreme Court in American Life</i> . New York: Knopf
1961	Published <i>Lincoln as a Lawyer</i> . Urbana: University of Illinois Press
1964	Published <i>The Warren Court</i> . New York: Macmillan
1991	Published <i>Clement Haynsworth, the Senate and the Supreme Court</i> . Charlottesville: University Press of Virginia
2000	Published <i>Inside Justice Hugo L. Black: The Letters</i> . Austin: Jamail Center for Legal Research, University of Texas at Austin
2002, Sept. 7	Died, Scottsdale, Ariz.

## 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

Container	Contents
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 <i>Inside Justice Hugo L. Black: The Letters</i> (2000) Background material, 1946-1969, undated (3 folders) Printed copy, 2000 Miscellaneous, 1971-1976, undated Intermediate court of appeals, 1983-1987 (2 folders)