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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Harold H. Greene Papers

**Inclusive Dates:** 1951-2001

**Bulk Dates:** 1958-1998

**ID No.:** MSS85346

**Creator:** Greene, Harold H.

**Extent:** 6,600 items

**Extent:** 69 containers plus 1 oversize

**Extent:** 29.6 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

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

**LC Catalog record:** <https://lcn.loc.gov/mm2007085346>

**Summary:** Lawyer and judge. Case material, correspondence, opinions, orders, printed matter, reports, and writings relating to Greene's career in the Department of Justice and on the bench of the District of Columbia Superior Court and the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

## 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

Greene, Harold H.

### Organizations

AT & T.

District of Columbia. Superior Court.

United States. Civil Rights Act of 1964.

United States. Department of Justice. Civil Rights Division.

United States. District Court (District of Columbia)

United States. Voting Rights Act of 1965.

### Subjects

African Americans--Suffrage.

Antitrust law--United States.

Civil rights--United States.

Courts--United States.

Courts--Washington (D.C.)

District courts--Washington (D.C.)

Minorities--Suffrage--United States.

Race riots--Washington (D.C.)

Vietnam War, 1961-1975--Protest movements.

Voter registration--United States.

### Places

United States--Politics and government--1963-1969.

United States--Race relations.

Washington (D.C.)--History.

### Occupations

Judges.

Lawyers.

## Acquisition Information

The papers of Harold H. Greene, lawyer and judge, were given to the Library of Congress by Evelyn Greene in 2007.

## Processing History

The papers of Harold H. Greene were arranged and described by Donna Ellis with the assistance of Tammi Taylor in 2009.

## Copyright Status

Copyright in the unpublished writings of Harold H. Greene in these papers and in other collections of papers in the custody of the Library of Congress has been dedicated to the public.

## Access and Restrictions

The papers of Harold H. Greene 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, Harold H. Greene Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Biographical Note

Date	Event
1923, Feb. 6	Born, Frankfurt, Germany
1943	Immigrated to the United States
1944-1946	Staff sergeant, United States Army
1948	Married Evelyn Schroer
1952	J.D., George Washington University, Washington, D.C.
1958-1965	Head, Appeals and Research Section, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice
1966-1978	Chief judge, District of Columbia Court of General Sessions (later District of Columbia Superior Court)
1978-1998	Judge, United States District Court for the District of Columbia
2000, Jan. 29	Died, Washington, D.C.

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of Harold H. Greene (1923-2000) span the years 1951-2001, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1958-1998. The collection includes case material, correspondence, opinions, orders, printed matter, reports, and writings, and is organized in six series: [Department of Justice](#), [District of Columbia Superior Court](#), [United States District Court for the District of Columbia](#), [Writings File](#), [Miscellany](#), and [Oversize](#).

The [Department of Justice](#) series, consisting chiefly of briefs and correspondence, documents Greene's career as the first head of the Appeals and Research Section of the department's newly created Civil Rights Division. In this position Greene and his staff provided the Attorney General's office with the information it needed to enforce civil rights laws. Greene also participated in drafting the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

The [District of Columbia Superior Court](#) series relates to Greene's tenure as Chief Judge. The court at the time of his appointment was known as the District of Columbia Court of General Sessions and became the Superior Court in a reorganization project spearheaded by Greene between 1970 and 1973. The series contains correspondence, opinions, and orders, and reports covering this effort as well as material relating to Greene's reforms in court procedures to handle the heavy case load resulting from the civil disturbances of the 1960s, including antiwar demonstrations and the 1968 racial riots in Washington, D.C.

The [United States District Court for the District of Columbia](#) series contains correspondence, orders, and general case material pertaining to Greene's appointment to the federal bench. The primary focus of this series is the AT & T antitrust case that had been filed in 1974 but not decided until Greene took administrative control of the proceedings in the 1980s.

The [Writings File](#) consists of articles, speeches, and congressional testimonies written or given by Greene during his career. Greene was invited to speak at numerous legal symposiums. In addition, he was a guest lecturer at many law schools and presided over their moot courts. The series includes research material as well as the text of speeches and articles.

The [Miscellany](#) series contains Greene's appointment calendars, biographical information, invitations to events, and printed matter on legal topics and organizations. Scrapbooks of newspaper clippings in the [Oversize](#) series reflect Greene's public life and achievements.

## Organization of the Papers

The collection is arranged in six series:

- [Department of Justice, 1951-1976](#)
- [District of Columbia Superior Court, 1961-1979](#)
- [United States District Court for the District of Columbia, 1978-2001](#)
- [Writings File, 1963-1992](#)
- [Miscellany, 1955-2000](#)
- [Oversize, 1978-1982](#)

## Description of Series

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