

Bennett Boskey Law Clerks' Memoranda
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Collection Summary

Title: Bennett Boskey Law Clerks' Memoranda

Span Dates: 1940-1942

ID No.: MSS86093

Creator: Boskey, Bennett, 1916-2016

Extent: 2000 items

Extent: 6 containers

Extent: 2.4 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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Summary: Lawyer. Memoranda written by Boskey and two other law clerks during their tenure as Supreme Court clerks for Chief Justices Harlan Fiske Stone and Justice Stanley Reed.

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

Boskey, Bennett, 1916-2016.

Morrison, James L. (Lawyer)

Nelson, C. Roger, 1915-2016.

Reed, Stanley Forman, 1884-1980.

Stone, Harlan Fiske, 1872-1946.

Organizations

United States. Supreme Court.

Subjects

Constitutional law--United States.

Titles

Bennett Boskey papers

Occupations

Lawyers.

Provenance

The law clerks' memoranda of Bennett Boskey, lawyer, were given to the Library of Congress by Ross E. Davies in 2016.

Copyright Status

Copyright in the unpublished writings of Bennett Boskey in these papers and in other collections of papers in the custody of the Library of Congress has been dedicated to the public.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 law clerks' memoranda of Bennett Boskey 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, Bennett Boskey Law Clerks' Memoranda, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

Date	Event
1916, Aug. 14	Born, New York, N.Y.
1935	A.B., Williams College, Williamstown, Mass.
1939	LL.B., Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.
1939-1940	Law clerk to Judge Learned Hand, United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
1940	Married Shirley Ecker (died 1988)
1940-1941	Law clerk to United States Supreme Court Justice Stanley Reed
1941-1943	Law clerk to United States Supreme Court Chief Justice Harland Fiske Stone
1943	Special assistant to the attorney general, Department of Justice
1946-1947	Adviser on enemy property, Department of State
1947-1949	Attorney, United States Atomic Energy Commission, Washington, D.C.
1949-1951	Deputy general counsel, United States Atomic Energy Commission, Washington, D.C.
1951-1996	Partner, law firm Volpe, Boskey, & Lyons, Washington, D.C.
1996-2015	Lawyer in private practice, Washington, D.C.
2015, May 11	Died, Bethesda, Md.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Bennett Boskey (1916-2016), spanning the years 1940-1942, consist of law clerks' memoranda written by Boskey and his fellow clerks during their time clerking for Chief Justice Harlan Fiske Stone and Justice Stanley Reed. The majority of the memoranda were written by Boskey and are designated by his initials "BB" at the end of a memorandum. Other memoranda included in the collection are those of Boskey's co-clerks C. Roger Nelson, initials CRN (October term 1941), and James L. Morrison, initials JLM (October term 1942).

Most of the memoranda pertain to appellate cases but some original and *in forma pauperis* (ifp) cases are also present in the files. The collection documents the law clerks' recommendations on petitions of certiorari for argued and non-argued cases. Also included are a few supplemental memoranda relating to cases. Some of the cases treated by supplemental memoranda are *Goldman v. United States* (wiretapping), no. 692, October term 1940, *Betts v. Brady* (right to counsel), no. 837, October term 1941, and *ex parte Quirin*, special July term 1942 (German saboteurs case). Items located at the end of volume nine include memoranda relating to Supreme Court administrative matters.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged chronologically by court term and therein by case type, appellate and *in forma pauperis* cases followed by original cases. The appellate and ifp cases are arranged by case number, while the original cases are arranged alphabetically by case title.

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	October term 1940
BOX 1	Vol. 1, nos. 1 to 599 (5 folders)
BOX 1	Vol. 2, nos. 601 to 1081 and originals (4 folders)
BOX 1	October term 1941
BOX 1	Vol. 3
BOX 1	Nos. 2 to 104 (2 folders)
BOX 2	Nos. 105 to 499 (7 folders)
BOX 2	Vol. 4
BOX 2	Nos. 501 to 749 (6 folders)
BOX 3	Nos. 750 to 860 (3 folders)
BOX 3	Vol. 5
BOX 3	Nos. 861 to 1284 and originals "A-R" (9 folders)
BOX 4	Originals, "S-W"
BOX 4	October term and special July term 1942
BOX 4	Vol. 6, nos. 1 to 300 (9 folders)
BOX 4	Vol. 7
BOX 4	Nos. 301 to 365 (2 folders)
BOX 5	No. 366 to 564 (7 folders)
BOX 5	Vol. 8
BOX 5	Nos. 600 to 774 (4 folders)
BOX 6	Nos. 775 to 900 (3 folders)
BOX 6	Vol. 9
BOX 6	Nos. 901 to 1054 (7 folders)
BOX 6	Nos. 1055 to 1101 and <i>ex parte</i> Quirin
BOX 6	Originals "A-Z" (4 folders)
BOX 6	Miscellaneous