

INDIANAPOLIS BAR ASSOCIATION RECORDS, 1878-1987

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USER INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 4 manuscript boxes, 1 oversize folder, 29 Bound Volumes (4.25 linear feet)

COLLECTION DATES: 1878-1987

PROVENANCE: Indianapolis Bar Association, One Indiana Square, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204, 16 February 1988

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 88.0243

HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Indianapolis Bar Association was founded on November 30, 1878 at the law offices of Dye and Harris. Included among the forty original members were Benjamin Harrison, the twenty-third president of the United States, and Charles W. Fairbanks, who later served as vice-president under Theodore Roosevelt. Napoleon B. Taylor served as the organization's first president, John A. Henry was secretary, and John M. Judah was treasurer.

One of the association's chief functions is the maintenance of a library. A library committee was formed within the IBA's first year of existence, and by 1910 there were 7,000 volumes available for use by judges, attorneys, and students of the Indiana Law School.

The association was also active in obtaining reforms in court procedures such as the appeals procedure, judge's salaries,

non-partisan selection of judges, and reducing court costs. In addition the organization formed a grievance committee that oversaw not only the conduct of its members, but all attorneys and judges in the city as well, and an increase in the standards of legal education and the procedure of admitting new members to the bar.

The Indianapolis Bar Association is now located in the Indiana National Bank Building and currently claims over 2,600 members. The organization continues to maintain a library, oversee the conduct of all attorneys, and offers opinions and solutions to current legal and court problems.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The bulk of the collection consists of the organization's meeting minutes, 1878-1964. These include the regular association meetings, the board of managers, and the executive committee. Subjects discussed included the maintenance and operation of the library, conduct of members, saving of court and other legal expenses, views on current and pending national and state legislation, and the general financial and structural operation of the organization including changes in the association's constitution, committee reports, and the election of officers.

The collection also contains memorial service books for deceased members, 1899-1930s, membership books, 1910s-1950s, and items relating to the association's library such as the roster of books borrowed, the library's catalog, 1935, a list of holdings, 1935-1945, and a history of the IBA library, 1940. In addition, there are the committee meeting minutes for the building and club room committee and the inventory and cost of remodeling and refurbishing the library and club room at 33 N. Pennsylvania Street, Indianapolis, 1955-1959, and the ledger of securities owned by the association, 1936-1946. Also included are correspondence, historical information, and other news regarding the Bar Association's centennial celebration on November 30, 1978, including the official guest book for the event. There are also printed publications of the IBA such as organizational information, membership books, fee schedules, and code of ethics, 1912-1987. The papers also contain the diaries of Winchester, Indiana attorney and Indiana Secretary of State, Union B. Hunt, 1899-1902, describing the events of his life including meetings with Benjamin Harrison in 1899.

Photographs were transferred to Visual Collections and books to Printed Collections.

In September, 1989, bound volumes numbers 2139, 2140, 2142, 2145, 2146, 2163 were removed from their bindings and renamed boxes 3 & 4 and OM 240.

BOX AND FOLDER INVENTORY

BOUND VOLUMES

BV 2435 Constitution, By-laws, and Minutes, 1878-1905.

BV 2436 Regular Meeting Minutes, 1905-1917.

BV 2437 Regular Meeting Minutes, 1918-1933.

BV 2438 Regular Meeting Minutes, 1938-1944.

BV 2441 Board of Managers Meeting Minutes, 1914-1916.

BV 2443 Board of Managers & Executive Committee Minutes, 1953-1963.

BV 2444 Board of Managers Meeting Minutes, 1963-1964.

BV 2447 History of the Library of the Indianapolis Bar Association, 1940.

BV 2448 Memorial Book, 1899-1928.

BV 2449 Memorial Service Book, John H. Baker, Oct. 27, 1915.

BV 2450 Memorial Service Book, John Sanders Duncan, Nov. 30, 1914.

BV 2451 Memorial Service Book, John T. Dye, April 26, 1913.

BV 2452 Memorial Service Book, Byron K. Elliott April 27, 1913.

BV 2453 Memorial Service Book, Joseph B. Kealing, Dec. 9, 1927.

BV 2454 Proceedings at Memorial Service Meetings, 1920s-1930s, v. 1.

BV 2455 Proceedings at Memorial Service Meetings, 1920s-1930s, v. 2.

BV 2456 Proceedings at Memorial Service Meetings, 1920s-1930s, v. 3.

BV 2457 Proceedings at Memorial Service Meetings, 1920s-1930s, v. 4.

BV 2458 Proceedings at Memorial Service Meetings, 1920s-1930s, v. 5.

BV 2459 Proceedings at Memorial Service Meetings, 1920s-1930s, v. 6.

BV 2460 Proceedings at Memorial Service Meetings, 1920s-1930s, v. 7.

BV 2461 Proceedings at Memorial Service Meetings, 1920s-1930s, v. 8.

BV 2462 Proceedings at Memorial Service Meetings, 1920s-1930s, v. 9.

BV 2464 Catalog of the IBA Law Library, 1935-1945.

BV 2465 List of IBA Library Holdings, 1935-1945.

BV 2466 Union B. Hunt, Diary, 1899.

BV 2467 Union B. Hunt, Diary, 1900.

BV 2468 Union B. Hunt, Diary, 1901.

BV 2469 Union B. Hunt, Diary, 1902.

Box 1: Minutes & Publications, 1912-1960; Centennial Celebration, 1978

Folder 1: Executive Committee Meeting Minutes, 1931-1935.

Folder 2: Meeting Minutes (Board of Managers, Executive Committee, Regular Meetings), 1935-1938.

Folder 3: Meeting Minutes and Library Correspondence, 1942-1947.

Folder 4: Meeting Minutes (Board of Managers, Executive Committee, Regular Meetings), 1948-1949.

Folder 5: Regular Meeting Minutes, 1953-1954.

Folder 6: Securities Owned, 1936-1946.

Folder 7: Organization Informational Pamphlets, 1912 & 1914.

Folder 8: Organization Informational Pamphlets, 1945-1960.

Folder 9: Code of Ethics, n.d.

Folder 10: Rules of Marion County Municipal Court, 1926; Indianapolis Lawyer's Guide, 1933.

Folder 11: Centennial Celebration Guest Register, November 30, 1978.

Folder 12: Centennial Celebration, Information & Correspondence, November 30, 1978.

Folder 13: Centennial Celebration, Information & Correspondence, November 30, 1978.

BOX 2: Pictorial Directory, Library & Club Room, 1955-1987; Meeting minutes 1934-1964.

Folder 1: Indianapolis Bar Association 1987 Pictorial Directory.

Folder 2: Minutes of Meetings of Building & Club Room Committee, 1955-1959.

Folder 3: Inventory & Cost of Remodeling & Refurnishing Library & Club Room (33 N. Penn.), 1956.

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Folder 7: Meeting Minutes, 1934-1936.

Folder 8: Meeting Minutes, 1937-1940.

Folder 9: Meeting Minutes, 1941-1947.

Folder 10: Meeting Minutes, 1947-1949.

Folder 11: Meeting Minutes, 1950-1953.

Folder 12: Meeting Minutes, 1954-1955.

Folder 13: Meeting Minutes, 1956-1957.

Folder 14: Meeting Minutes, 1958.

Folder 15: Meeting Minutes, 1959-1960.

Folder 16: Meeting Minutes, 1961-1964.

BOX 3: Membership Records, 1910s-1930s; 1930's-1950's A-G.

Folder 1: Membership Records, A-C.

Folder 2: Membership Records, D-H.

Folder 3: Membership Records, I-L.

Folder 4: Membership Records, M-O.

Folder 5: Membership Records, P-R.

Folder 6: Membership Records, S-Z.

Folder 7: Membership Records, A-B.

Folder 8: Membership Records, C-D.

Folder 9: Membership Records, E-G.

BOX 4: Membership Records, 1930s-1950s, H-Z.

Folder 1: Membership Records, H-J.

Folder 2: Membership Records, K-L.

Folder 3: Membership Records, M-O.

Folder 4: Membership Records, P-R.

Folder 5: Membership Records, S-T.

Folder 6: Membership Records, U-Z.

OM 240: Roster of Books Borrowed from IBA Library, n.d.

CATALOGUING INFORMATION

MAIN ENTRY: Indianapolis Bar Association

SUBJECT ENTRIES: Lawyers--Indiana--Winchester--Diaries

Lawyers--Indiana--Indianapolis

Bar associations--Indiana--Indianapolis

Law libraries--Indiana--Indianapolis

Lawyers--Indiana--Indianapolis

Law--Indiana--Indianapolis

Legal ethics--Indiana--Indianapolis

Winchester (Ind.)

ADDED ENTRIES: Hunt, Union B., 1864-1915

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