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INDIANAPOLIS BAR ASSOCIATION MATERIALS
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HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Indianapolis Bar Association (IBA) was established 30 November 1878, by forty Indianapolis lawyers at the law firm office of John T. Dye and Addison C. Harris. The first officers included Napoleon B. Taylor, president; John A. Henry, secretary; John M. Judah, treasurer. The original purpose of the IBA was to operate a resource library, authorized on 11 February 1879, and a reading room in the courthouse. Over the years the IBA has hosted social events, meetings, lectures, and continuing education opportunities. In 1921, African-American lawyers, excluded from the IBA, established the Marion County Lawyers Club; the IBA began accepting African-American lawyers in 1953. The IBA moved to the Loew's Theater building, 33 North Pennsylvania Street, in 1955. The office is currently located at 135 North Pennsylvania Street.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Indianapolis Bar Association Materials, ca. 1877-1938, features a series of memorial essays on the lives and careers of individuals who belonged to the Indianapolis Bar Association. These memorials, much like obituaries, include information on early life, schooling, career history, political and civic associations, and family history.

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