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Judge Roy W. Harper Papers, 1947–1990

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Roy W. Harper was born July 26, 1905, in Gibson, Missouri, and grew up in Steele, Missouri. He received his law degree from the University of Missouri in 1929, and following graduation worked as an attorney for the Real Estate Division of Shell Oil Company. He had a private law practice in Steele, Missouri, 1931-1934, and in Caruthersville, Missouri, 1934-1947. During World War II he served with the U.S. Army Air Corps. In 1946, he became state Democratic chairman, and the following year President Truman appointed him to the U.S. District Court, Eastern and Western Districts of Missouri. He served as chief judge, 1959-1971, and achieved senior status in 1971. He married Ruth Butt Harper, and they had two children. He continued his service as a judge until his death after a heart attack, February 13, 1994.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Judge Roy W. Harper Papers consist of memos, correspondence, and other papers that document his cases, judgments, and opinions as a judge in U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Missouri, Eastern Division. The papers cover the date range 1949-1990. Box 4 contains papers from cases that involved controversial issues of the time, including draft evasion during the Vietnam War (folders 1-3); the Smith Act (folders 4-12); and abortion (folder 19). Box 7 contains papers regarding administrative issues and points of law, and several folders of Harper's trial notes.

Box 1

Opinions, 1950-1976

Box 2

Opinions, 1977-1990

Box 3**Oklahoma City**

Folder 1 Oklahoma City Assignment
Folder 2 U.S.A. v. Nelson S. Corn, 1964
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Box 4**Cases**

Folders 1-3 U.S.A. v. Goddard (draft evasion), 1964
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Folder 13 Koen v. Long et al. ("Black Liberators"), 1968
Folders 14-15 Parkview Heights Corp. et al. v. City of Black Jack, 1974
Folder 16 U.S.A. v. Hazelwood School District, 1977
Folder 17 Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, 1972-1977
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Folder 19 Jane Doe v. Poelker et al. (abortion), 1975

Box 5**Cases**

Folders 1-3 Missouri-Illinois Food Distributors Arbitration, 1949-1952
Folder 4 NAACP v. Faubus et al., 1958
Folder 5 NAACP v. Baldwin, 1957
Folder 6 Imperial Growers Cooperative v. Harper & Interstate Commerce Commission, 1975
Folder 7 Anti-Trust: Electric Co. Cases, 1965-1968
Folder 8 Monsanto v. Port of St. Louis, 1971
Folder 9 Missouri Portland Cement Co. v. H. K. Porter Co. et al., 1975
Folder 10 Mosley et al. v. General Motors et al., 1974
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Folder 12 Meljoy Transportation Co., 1970
Folder 13 Layne v. Board of Education, 1963
Folder 14 Greater E. King (correspondence), 1967-1968
Folder 15 Kern v. Insurance Companies, 1968
Folder 16 Communication Workers of America, AFL-CIO, et al. vs. Southwestern Bell Telephone Co., 1974
Folder 17 Belk v. Washington University, 1970
Folder 18 Gabauer et al. v. Woodcock et al., 1975
Folder 19 Anheuser-Busch et al. v. Charles Todd Corporation, 1987

- Folder 20 Maurer et al. & Storts v. Walsh et al., 1972
Folder 21 Calvert v. Masters and Johnson, 1971

Box 6

Cases/Judgments/Opinions

- Folder 1 St. Louis Union Trust Co. v. Finnegan, IRS, 1951
Folders 2-3 N.O. Nelson, bankruptcy, 1956-1958
Folder 4 Stanolind Pipe Line Co. v. Gillespie et al., 1949
Folder 5 Smallwood v. U.S.A., et al., 1973
Folder 6 Squirt v. Seven-up, 1980
Folder 7 Trade-Mark Infringement, 1948-1954
Folder 8 Sundra v. St. Louis Browns, 1949-1950
Folder 9 U.S.A. v. Masters Lumber Co., 1952
Folder 10 U.S.A. v. Nash & McDermott
Folder 11 U.S.A. v. Fred Saigh, president, St. Louis Cardinals, 1953
Folder 12 U.S.A. v. Southwell, 1955
Folder 13 U.S.A. v. Radloff & Hitzfeld, 1958
Folder 14 U.S.A. v. Mercantile Trust et al., 1965
Folder 15 U.S.A. v. Erwin B. Arvey
Folder 16 U.S.A. v. St. Louis-San Francisco Railway Co. & United Transportation Union, 1973
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Folders 18-19 U.S.A. v. National Lead Co., 1972-1974
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Folder 23 Summary Judgments, 1952-1985
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Folder 25 Social Security Act Opinions, 1980-1986
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Folder 27 Bankruptcy Opinions and Orders, 1963-1965
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Box 7

Administration/Points of Law

- Folder 1 Administrative – Eastern Division, 1970-1978
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Folders 3-4 Rules, 1976-1979
Folder 5 Bailiffs, 1947-1970
Folder 6 Board of Admissions, 1957-1970
Folder 7 Commissioners (Magistrates), 1947-1976
Folder 8 Bankruptcy Referees, Clerks – Applications, 1972
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Folders 20-24 Trial Notes, 1981-1990