



Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges Records (C3658)

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Collection Title: Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges Records

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Abstract: Minutes, bylaws, correspondence, resolutions, association histories, probate decisions and financial reports of the Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges from its founding in 1914 as the Missouri Probate Judges' Association to 1979. The organization has also been called the Missouri Association of Probate Judges and the Missouri Association of Probate and Magistrate Judges during the course of its history.

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Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Historical Note:

The Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges grew out of a meeting of Missouri probate judges held at Jefferson City, 22 February 1914. A temporary organization was formed and a constitution and bylaws of the organization to be called the Missouri Probate Judges' Association were drafted by a committee. Judge Charles A. Leedy of Clinton County was elected President. Plans were made for an annual meeting to be held beginning 6 December 1915, at Sedalia, Missouri. Annual meetings were held thereafter except for 1918 and the period 1921-1922.

For most of its history, the organization was called the Missouri Association of Probate Judges. Its name was changed to Missouri Association of Probate and Municipal Judges in 1970 and to the present name around 1978.

The organization's primary purposes were to enable probate judges to get to know their fellow judges better and to promote improvements in the welfare of probate judges and the administration of probate law. Association members were active in the revision and reform of the Probate Code in the 1920s and the 1950s. The group was also active in court cases involving the compensation of probate judges and their staffs and in lobbying for legislation before the Missouri legislature.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following five series:

Minutes and Bylaws
Correspondence
Resolutions, Histories, Pamphlets
Probate Decisions, Laws, Rules
Financial Reports

Scope and Content Note:

Minutes and Bylaws

This series contains minutes of the annual meetings of the association from 1914 to 1975. Programs, treasurer's reports, committee reports, notes and some memorabilia are included, as well as the original constitutions and bylaws of the Association. There is no material available for 1918 or for the period 1921-1922.

Correspondence

This series contains correspondence regarding purchase of Treasury notes by the Association, and other miscellaneous topics, 1969, 1971-1979.

Resolutions, Histories, Pamphlets

This series contains resolutions passed by the Association, primarily concerning appreciation for dinners, memorials for deceased judges or compensation of probate judges, 1930-1975.

Brochures, pamphlets and bar journals pertaining to probate laws and judges. Four short histories of the Association, written in 1927, 1939, 1952 and 1965.

Probate Decisions, Laws, Rules

This series contains laws, Supreme Court decisions, rules and constitutional amendment regarding probate administration. A digest of probate decisions, 1965-1978, compiled by Commissioner John A. Borron, Jr., of the Probate Division of the Jackson County Circuit Court is included.

Financial Reports

This series contains annual financial reports, 1931-1977, including lists of membership fees, convention registration, payments to legislation fund and statements of accounts.

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