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Evans, Kitchel & Jenckes Law Firm Collection
1906 – 1989

DESCRIPTION

This collection contains historical materials collected on the legal firm of Evans, Kitchel & Jenckes of Phoenix Arizona. Papers include brochures for the company, listings of cases handled by the firm by several legal publications, and office & lawyer memos and correspondence covering the years 1910 to 1989. The firm’s history is contained in newspaper clippings, and several short histories. A much more lengthy history was planned and seven folders provide draft sketches for material being considered. One folder contains hiring correspondence and messages with a new firm lawyer in the early 1950s who would later become Associate U.S. Supreme Court Justice Rehnquist. A final folder consists of photographs of the legal firm’s office building in Phoenix, lawyers and staff members, and architectural plans for a new building.

6 Boxes, 3 linear ft.

HISTORICAL NOTE

The firm of Evans, Kitchel & Jenckes traces its history back to the original firm of Ellinwood & Ross founded in Bisbee, Arizona and as a renewal of an even earlier association in Prescott, Arizona between Mr. Everett E. Ellinwood and Mr. John Mason Ross. Through the 1930s the firm continued to expand and add additional lawyers to the staff. In the early 1930s the Bisbee office was discontinued and the firm consolidated in the Phoenix location. Since its formation the legal firm has served as counsel for the Phelps Dodge Corporation as well as other interests in the fields of corporate, mining, labor, and tax law. In 1989 the firm’s legal partners decided to dissolve the firm after multiple internal disputes occurring over the previous five years.

ACQUISITION

Donated by Steven Pogson in 1989.

ACCESS

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PROCESSING

The collection was processed by Dave Tackenberg in December 2010.
Box and Folder Listing

Box 1

Folder 1 Histories of the Law Firm (Short Versions) 1955/1973
f.2  Attorney Directories 1987 – 1989
f.3  Firm Directories & Address Listings 1987 – 1989
f.4  Office Letterhead Stationary 1951 – 1989
f.5  Firm Prospectus N.D.
f.6  Firm Brochures and Advertisements 1988
f.7  E. Ellinwood’s Personal Letters 1916 – 1954
f.8  Dinner Speech by Everett E. Ellinwood 1989
f.9  Joseph S. Jenckes Jr. 1970
f.10 Memorial to John Einar Sanders N.D.
f.11 John Mason Ross 1944
f.12 Associate Justice Rehnquist 1952/1953/1985
f.13 Law Office Referenced by Martindale-Hubbell, Inc. 1911 – 1971
f.14 Ellinwood & Ross Referenced by The American Bar 1919 – 1929
f.15 Law Office Referenced in The American Bar 1930 – 1972
f.16 Law Office Referenced in Best Insurance Reporter 1985
f.17-18 Firm History (Initial Correspondence) 1972 – 1974
f.19 Firm History (Drafts) & Correspondence 1910 – 1940

Box 2

f.20-25 Firm History (Drafts) & Correspondence 1920 – 1940
f.26-32 Memos & Correspondence 1910 – 1989
f.33 Newspaper Clippings 1906 – 1909

Box 3

f.34-44 Newspaper Clippings 1910 – 1979
f.45 Important Firm Cases 1973
f.46 Firm’s Case Listings & Correspondence 1911 – 1956
f.47-48 Firm’s Case Listings 1911 – 1959

Box 4

f.49-58 Legal Cases Handled by Firm Referenced in Pacific Reporter 1912 – 1958
f.59 Firm’s Donation to State Bar Association for Building 1983

Box 5

f.60 Book: “Smith-Booth-Usher Co. vs. Detroit Copper Mining Co.” 1914
  U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals Case
f.61 Book: “William & William A. Traux vs. Bisbee Local #380” 1916
  Supreme Court of Arizona Case
f.62 Book: “William & William A. Traux vs. Bisbee Local #380” 1917
  Supreme Court of Arizona Case
f.63 Boulder Canyon Legal Case involving John M. Ross & James S. Casey 1927
f.64  “National Labor Relations Board vs. Phelps Dodge Corp.”
      U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals Case

Box 6

f.65  “Report to Phelps Dodge Corp. on Subsidence at Jerome Arizona” by
      Stephen Royce

1938

66  “State of Arizona vs. Southern Pacific Co.” Supreme Court of Arizona Case

1942

f.67  Bisbee Arizona History

1937

f.68  Bisbee Mining District History

1956

f.69  Photographs
      Group Photos of Lawyers and Staff
      Exterior Building Images Located in Phoenix
      Architectural Drawings for New Building

Outside Folder

VHS Tape: “History of Evans, Kitchel & Jenckes” Jack Boland
VHS Tape: “History of Evans, Kitchel & Jenckes” Luncheon Address
Denison Kitchel