

DeKalb History Center

Judge Clarence F Seeliger

Scope and Content: The Judge Seeliger collection contains archival materials spanning 50 years of service, as a campaign worker, veterans and domestic violence victims' advocate, attorney and Superior Court judge. Collection includes campaign flyers and letters, photos, court papers, personal correspondence, awards, DVDs, calendars, a guest book, newspaper and other articles, and scrapbooks.

Provenance: Gift of Judge Clarence F Seeliger, December 2020, Accession # 2020.51

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DeKalb History Center Archives, Judge Clarence F Seeliger collection, box title, box number, folder name

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Size: 33 document boxes, 1 oversized box, 25 scrapbooks

Biography of Judge Clarence F Seeliger: Clarence Seeliger is from Seattle, Washington. He moved to Atlanta to attend Emory Law School in the 1960s. He is a veteran. He worked for Maynard Jackson's U.S. Senate campaign as well as a defense attorney. He also worked for Governor Jimmy Carter's commission related to Vietnam Veterans. He defeated Judge Oscar Mitchell in the 1980 DeKalb County State Court judge campaign. He would be elected many more times as DeKalb County Superior Court judge until retiring in December 2020.

Description: The Judge Clarence Seeliger collections contains mostly correspondence, both personal and court related. It also contains court papers, photos, awards, newspaper articles, DVDs, and other ephemera. Items were donated in storage boxes with titles on most boxes- items were moved to archival boxes and box titles were retained (Original Order).

Main Entry: Judge Clarence F Seeliger (CSF)

Subject/Added Entries: DeKalb County (Ga.)
 DeKalb County State Court
 DeKalb County Superior Court
 Oscar Mitchell
 James Venable

Maynard Jackson
 Jimmy Carter
 Max Cleland
 Nesby Thomas
 Presidential Parkway
 Georgia Commission on Family Violence
 Georgia Advisory Committee on Vietnam Veterans
 Confederate flag, obelisk
 Women's Resource Center
 Faith Trust Institute

Box number	Title- Campaigns	Date(s)
1	Campaign flyers	
	Campaign stats-various	
	Campaign Superior Court- Correspondence 1	1984
	Campaign Superior Court- Correspondence 2	1984
	Campaign Superior Court- Correspondence 3	1984
2	Campaign Superior Court- Elections 1	1984
	Campaign Superior Court- Elections 2	1984
	Campaign- Correspondence	1985-1988
	Campaign- Correspondence, Re-election	1988
	Campaign- Correspondence	1992
	Campaign- LeClercq	
	Campaign- Local government law	
3	Mackay	
	Maynard Jackson	
	Maynard Jackson- Campaign	
	Maynard Jackson- U.S. Senate	1968
	Miscellaneous	
	Seeliger- Campaign letters	1980
	Seeliger- Financial information	1980
	Seeliger/Mitchell- Press releases and clippings	
	Seeliger- Publicity and press releases	1980-1984
	Seeliger- Radio and tv	1980
	Shumake for Congress	
4	Campaign	2000
	Campaign	2016
	Campaign- Correspondence	2016
	Campaign- Fees	2016
	Campaign- Miscellaneous	2016

Box number	Title- Cases	Date(s)
1	Alphonso Stripling 1	
2	Alphonso Stripling 2	
3	Alphonso Stripling 3	
4	Annie Thomas	
	Annie Thomas- Appeal	
	Annie Thomas- Habeas	
4	Annie Thomas- Post Judgment	
5	Acquanetta Cannon v James Ledbetter, et.al	
	Atlanta Bio-Med 1	
	Atlanta Bio-Med 2	
	Atlanta Bio-Med 3	
	Capital cases	Feb 7-9, 2003
	Chapel Hill Harvester Church v Rebecca Joy Soules Moses, et. al.	
6	Confederate obelisk	2020
	Court of Appeals	
	Eric Lynn Ferrell	
	Robert Sweet	
	State v Jackson	
	State v Jackson- exhibits	
	State v Person	
7	Stripling v Head	
	Supreme Court	
	U.S. District Court	
	Walter Bishop v L Schneider	
	WSB v CFS	1987
8	Sprinklers (in the courthouse) case	
9	Sprinklers (in the courthouse) case	

Box number	Title- Court correspondence	Date(s)
1	Benham award	
	Campaign 2010	
	CFS personal	1997-2000
	CFS qualifying application	1992
	Comedy correspondence	
	Commission "host" case	Aug 6, 1998
	Commission office- Superior Court	
	Criminal Justice- Elderhostel seminar	1997
	Decatur High School MLK panel	2020
	DeKalb Domestic Violence Task Force	
	DeKalb Historical Society	

2	District Attorney	1989-1992
	District Attorney	1997-2005
	Domestic violence (1)	
	Domestic violence (2)	
	Domestic violence	1988
	Domestic violence forms	
	Dorsey	2002
	Elections	2006, 2008
	Election	2008
	Election	2016
	Former employees	
	Friends- out of town	
3	Miscellaneous	
	Miscellaneous	1981-1983
		1990-2003 (1)
		1990-2003 (2)
		2003-2007
4	Miscellaneous	2005-2020
		2008-2009
		2011
		2012
		2012-2020
		2013-2014
5	Miscellaneous- Superior Court	1985-1988
		1989-1992 (1)
		1989-1992 (2)
6	Personal	2008-2010
	Potential supporters	1985
	Pretrial	1998
	Pro Se Center	December 1999
	Pro Se handouts	
	Qualifying	2004
	Recusals	2008

Box number	Title- Court correspondence	Date(s)
6	Sheriff's Department (1)	
	Sheriff's Department (2)	
7	Speech	2013
	Supreme Court case	2017
	TPOs (Temporary Protective Orders)- Magistrate Court	
	Thank yous and Acknowledgments	
	Trailblazer award	July 2019
	Venable	1989

Box number	Title- Faith Trust Institute	Date(s)
1	Board Meeting	2007
	Board of Directors meeting	May 2009
	By-laws	
	Directors' meetings	
	Meeting- Cleveland	
	Miscellaneous correspondence	
	Resources	

Box number	Title- Georgia Commission on Family Violence	Date(s)
1	Articles	
	Correspondence (1)	
	Correspondence (2)	
	Correspondence (3)	
	Correspondence (4)	
2	Director "Dust Up"	
	Domestic Violence Intervention program	
	Domestic Violence Seminar	June 17, 1998
	Gender/Racial/Ethnic Fairness in the Courts, Vice Chair	2000
	Joint Custody	
	Judge's participation	
	Judicial qualifications	
	Legislation correspondence	
	Members	
	Newsletters	1997-2002
3	Payroll	
	Press releases	
	Protocol	1997
	Reports	
	Research	
	Seminar- Domestic Violence	
	Statutes	1997
	Temporary Protective Order registry	

Box number	Title- Presidential Parkway	Date(s)
1	Correspondence	
	Court papers (1)	
	Court papers (2)	
	Justices	
2	Literature (1)	
	Literature (2)	
	Miscellaneous	
	Orders	

Box number	Title- State Court 1981-1984	Date(s)
1	Calendars Contempt of court case Contributions made DeKalb Humane Society Disclosure reports DUIs	
2	Expenses paid Flag correspondence Guest book Miscellaneous Miscellaneous correspondence Miscellaneous criminal cases	
3	Personal Photos Reforms Solicitor's office Tobin- Animal cruelty Volunteer lawyers- DeKalb Volunteer Lawyers Foundation	1981-1985 1982

Box number	Title- Vietnam Veterans	Date(s)
1	Georgia Adv Committee on Viet Nam Veterans- Department of Veteran Serv Georgia Adv Committee on Viet Nam Veterans- SEAVAC; GA Veterans Project	
	Miscellaneous- Robert John Walker Miscellaneous- Robert John Walker- Evidence	

Box number	Title- Various	Date(s)
1	100% Wrong Club Awards Backload sentencing Betty Leslein- Goddard for Human Relations Award Biographies DVDs- MLK Program MLK Program Women's Resource Center Family violence legislation "Fan mail" Forms- court recusal Forms- jury verdict Good Guys award Media in courtroom	2004 2005 2016 2020
2	Miscellaneous New South publication- article by Seeliger Personal correspondence Photos (1) Photos (2) Photos- Domestic Violence seminar Speeches- Death Penalty Speeches- DeKalb family law Speeches- Dalton, GA Speeches- Domestic violence Speeches- Fall meeting Speeches- Family law	1960s 1985-1988 April, 1998 December 3, 2009 October 13, 2008 May 8, 2009 November 19-20, 2009 February 10, 2010
3	Speeches- Miscellaneous Speaking engagements- Peach Baptist Church Speaking engagements- Stronghold Christian Church Women's Resource Center Threat investigation	 1996

Restricted items

Scrapbooks: Dates/scrapbook titles were labeled by Seeliger and his staff

Pre-elect, personal

- 1- 11-29-79 through 12-23-80
- 2- 2-6-81 through 10-14-82
- 3- 10-14-82 through 5-24-84
- 4- 5-30-84 through 10-24-84
- 5- 10-31-84 through 9-5-85
- 6- 9-6-85 through 2-1-86
- 7- 2-12-86 through 1-3-87
- 8- 1-4-87 through 7-1-87
- 9- 1987-1988
- 10- 3-16-88 through 9-11-88; Parkway (Presidential), Doupe'
- 11- 9-13-88 through 5-24-89
- 12- 6-7-89 through 2-15-90
- 13- 2-15-90 through 11-21-90; Medical waste incinerator restrictive covenant
- 14- 11-28-90 through 8-21-91; Parkway mediation; Waste plant case
- 15- 8-24-91 through 4-8-92; Parkway settlement; Medical incinerator; 14-year-old conviction
- 16- 4-29-92 through 6-30-93; Fire safety (in courthouse)
- 17- 6-30-93 through 7-13-93; Sprinklers and Conrad murder
- 18- 7-8-94 through 3-14-96; Sprinklers; EMT case; Supreme Court
- 18-1996-1998
- 19- 8-12-98 through 12-9-01
- 20- 1-10-02 through 4-25-05
- 21- April 2005-December 2009
- 22- December 18, 2009-July 20, 2012; DeKalb School Board
- 23- May 4, 2012-July 16, 2014
- 24- February 9, 2015- July 7, 2020