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Guide to the Lawrence S. Grauman Papers 1902-1971



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Descriptive Summary

Identifier	ICU.SPCL.GRAUMANL
Title	Grauman, Lawrence S. Papers
Date	1902-1971
Size	.25 linear feet (1 box)
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Abstract Lawrence S. Grauman (1897-1969) spent his entire adult life as a judge and attorney in Louisville, Kentucky. He is perhaps best known for the special hearing he conducted with Muhammad Ali in 1966 at the request of the Department of Justice, where he recommended that Ali's claim as a conscientious objector be upheld. The Lawrence S. Grauman Papers contain school records, clippings, correspondence, certificates, congratulatory letters, photographs, obituaries, and material related to the hearing with Ali. The papers range in date from 1902-1971, with the majority dating from the 1960s.

Information on Use

Access

The collection is open for research.

Citation

When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: Grauman, Lawrence S. Papers, [Box #, Folder #], Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library

Biographical Note

Lawrence Samuel Grauman was born on June 3, 1897 in Louisville, Kentucky. He graduated from Jefferson School of Law, which later became part of the University of Louisville, in 1927 and spent his entire adult life as a judge and attorney in Louisville. His positions included County Attorney and judge of the Jefferson Circuit Court. He was also a lecturer at the University of Louisville, a special judge of the state Court of Appeals, and held leadership positions in the Kentucky and Louisville Bar Associations. In 1966, he was named Outstanding Lawyer of the Year by the Kentucky State Bar Association. Grauman was married to Katherine Heine and had two sons, Lawrence, Jr. and Paul. He died in Louisville on November 9, 1969.

Grauman is perhaps best known for the special hearing he conducted with Muhammad Ali in 1966 at the request of the Department of Justice. Grauman recommended that Ali's claim as a conscientious objector be upheld. However, this was a non-binding recommendation, and the Department of Justice chose not to uphold the conscientious objector claim. The case went all the way to the Supreme Court, where it was ultimately decided in Ali's favor in 1971.

Scope Note

The Lawrence S. Grauman Papers contain school records, clippings, a small amount of correspondence, certificates, congratulatory letters, photographs, obituaries, and material related to the hearing Grauman conducted with Muhammad Ali in 1966 regarding Ali's conscientious objector claim. The papers range in date from 1902-1971, with the majority dating from the 1960s. They are arranged chronologically.

Related Resources

The following related resources are located in the Department of Special Collections:

<http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/scrc/findingaids/topics.php>

Lawrence S. Grauman, Jr. Papers

American Civil Liberties Union. Illinois Division. Records, 1920-1982

Subject Headings

- Grauman, Lawrence S.
- Ali, Muhammad, 1942-2016

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Primary and high school grade reports, 1902-1913

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Louisville Male High School commencement booklet, 1914

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Correspondence, 1914-1916

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"The High Court and Shufflin' Sam," and "The Saga of Shufflin' Sam," reprints, 1961-1965

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Photograph of Grauman receiving award of merit from National Association of Claimants' Counsel of America and letter from Julius Leibson, 1963

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Clippings, Judge Lawrence Grauman and Sid Grauman, 1963-1966, undated

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J. Lester Grauman obituary, 1964

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Lifetime hunting and fishing license, 1965

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University of Louisville, Annual Law Alumni Banquet, May 1966

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Kentucky State Bar Association Outstanding Lawyer's Award citation, 1966

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Congratulatory letters for Outstanding Lawyer's Award, May-June 1966

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Congratulatory notes and cards for Outstanding Lawyer's Award, May-June 1966

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Letter from Assistant United States Attorney John L. Smith and report, July 1966

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Letters from T. Oscar Smith and clipping, July-August 1966

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"Report of hearing conducted by the Department of Justice pursuant to Section 6(j) of the Universal Military Training and Service Act in re: Cassius Marcellus Clay, Jr, Conscientious Objector," September 7, 1966; response from T. Oscar Smith, November 1966; and note regarding the files, undated

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Clippings on Muhammad Ali, 1966, 1971

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Judge Lawrence S. Grauman obituaries, clippings, November 10, 1969

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Judge Lawrence S. Grauman obituaries, including copies, 1969-1970

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Folder 19

Clipping and photograph, middle aged, undated