

Guide to the Edward R. Becker Papers

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CREATOR: Becker, Edward R. (Edward Roy), 1933-2006

TITLE: Edward R. Becker papers

DATES: 1943-2006

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LANGUAGE: The material is in English.

SUMMARY: The collection comprises the papers of Judge Edward R. Becker, who served both with the United States District Court of Eastern Pennsylvania and the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. His papers include correspondence, court memorandums, other court-related documents, speeches, subject files, programs and fliers, and newspaper and journal clippings, mainly related to cases over which he presided. Materials cover from 1943 to 2006, with the bulk from 1972 to 2006.

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Separated Materials

Best Practices in Representing Asylum-Seekers A video Resource for Pro Bono Attorneys 2-DVD set by the American Law Institute (formerly in Box 79) was damaged and the files could not be transferred. The material was discarded in 2021.

Biographical / Historical

Edward Roy Becker was born on May 4, 1933 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He attended the University of Pennsylvania for his B.A., graduating in 1954. He then received his LL. B. from Yale University in 1957. After graduation, he went into a private law practice, Becker and Becker. He worked in the practice for 13 years. In 1970, President Richard M. Nixon appointed Becker to the United States District Court of Eastern Pennsylvania. In 1982, President Ronald Reagan appointed Becker to the United States Court of Appeals of the Third Circuit. He went on to become the chief judge in 1998 and held that position until May 4, 2003. On that date (his 70th birthday), he was mandatorily assigned senior status. Becker continued to serve on the court until his death from prostate cancer on May 19, 2006. During his time as a judge, he was known to be an expert on antitrust law and use of expert evidence in trials. He also worked on many notable cases, including *Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd. v. Zenith Radio Corp.*, *Artway v. The Attorney General of the State of New Jersey* and *E.B. v. Verniero*, *Karcher v. May*, *United States et al. v. the American Library Association* and *Amchem Products, Inc. v. Windsor*.

Scope and Contents

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papers include correspondence, court memoranda, other court-related documents, speeches, subject files, programs and fliers, and newspaper and journal clippings, mainly related to cases over which he presided. Materials cover from 1943 to 2006, with the bulk from 1972 to 2006.

There are some case materials included in the collection, including papers focusing on *Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd. v. Zenith Radio Corp.*. Much of the collection is focused on Becker's other judicial activities though, including his work with asbestos legislation, the Judicial Conference of the United States, and Third Circuit task forces on indigent litigants and the death penalty. Also included are plans for the timing of hiring law clerks in the federal courts, Continuing Legal Education (CLE) courses, especially on representing asylum-seekers in the federal courts, and research on legal concepts such as sentencing guidelines, class action lawsuits, and expert evidence in court hearings. There are also materials related to the Senate confirmation hearings for Justice Samuel A. Alito's nomination to the Supreme Court of the United States. Finally, a small but significant part of the collection includes papers related to Becker's different civic activities, including his work creating a Magna Carta exhibition in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Arrangement

The papers are arranged in eight series: I. Correspondence, 1970-2006. II. Judicial activities, 1970-2006. III. Subject files, 1970-2005. IV. Clippings, 1943-2006. V. Professional organizations, 1961-2006. VI. Civic organizations and educational programs, 1979-2006. VII. Personal papers, 1950-2005.

Collection Contents

Series I: Correspondence, 1970-2006

Series I comprises correspondence Becker received, with occasional copies of letters that Becker sent.

Business correspondence mainly contains letters of thanks, related information to publications, and letters from lawyers and other judges relating to programs Becker was involved in as well as Becker's opinions and rulings. There are also several folders that are specifically focused on topics, including his work with the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, letters related to general civic causes, and letters sent only to Becker while he served at the Eastern District of Pennsylvania court and the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. For communications between multiple judges at each of these courts, please refer to the memoranda and other court communications folders located within Series II, Judicial activities. For more focused correspondence related to individual topics, individual professional organizations and individual civic causes, please refer to Series III, Series V, and Series VI respectively.

Personal correspondence includes thank you letters and notes, general letters of news between correspondents, and unofficial communications between different judges and between judges and law clerks. There are also several folders that are focused on specific topics, including congratulatory notes related to specific awards and letters to businesses.

Chronological business		
b. 1, f. 1	1972-1986	1972-1986
b. 1, f. 2	1987-1989	1987-1989
b. 1, f. 3	1990-1994	1990-1994
b. 1, f. 4	1995-1996	1995-1996
b. 1, f. 5	1997-1998	1997-1998
b. 1, f. 6	1999, 2001-2002	1999, 2001-2002
b. 2, f. 1	2003-2006	2003-2006
b. 2, f. 2	Undated	Undated
Alphabetical business		
b. 2, f. 3	Administrative Office of the United States Court	1987-2006
b. 2, f. 4	Alito, Samuel A.	1992-2006
b. 2, f. 5	Breyer, Stephen	1985-2005, undated
b. 2, f. 6	Civic causes	2002-2006
b. 2, f. 7	District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania	1971-1980
b. 2, f. 8	O'Connor, Sandra Day	1992-2006, undated
b. 2, f. 9	Scalia, Antonin	1991-2002
b. 2, f. 10	Souter, David H.	1996-2005

Alphabetical business (continued)

b. 2, f. 11	Stevens, John Paul	1996
b. 2, f. 12	Third Circuit Court of Appeals	1983-2006, undated
b. 2, f. 13	Thomas, Clarence	1997
Chronological personal		
b. 2, f. 14	1971-1980	1971-1980
b. 3, f. 1	1981-1990	1981-1990
b. 3, f. 2	1990-1993	1990-1993
b. 3, f. 3	1993-1994	1993-1994
b. 3, f. 4	1995 English	1995
b. 3, f. 5-6	1996 English	1996
b. 3, f. 7	1997 English	1997
b. 4, f. 1-2	1998 English	1998
b. 4, f. 3	1999 English	1999
b. 4, f. 4	2001 English	2001
b. 4, f. 5	2002 English	2002
b. 4, f. 6	2003 English	2003
b. 5, f. 1	2004 English	2004
b. 5, f. 2	2005 English	2005
b. 5, f. 3	2006 English	2006
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b. 6, f. 1	Undated	Undated
Alphabetical personal		
b. 6, f. 2	Amtrak- cellphones	2000-2002
b. 6, f. 3	Becker stepping down as chief judge of the Third Circuit	2003

Alphabetical personal (continued)

b. 6, f. 4	Congratulatory notes-William J. Brennan, Jr. Distinguished Jurist Award	1998
b. 6, f. 5-7	Congratulatory notes- Edward J. Devitt Distinguished Service to Justice Award	2002
b. 7, f. 1-4	Congratulatory notes on his appointment to the Eastern District of Pennsylvania Court	1970
b. 7, f. 5-6	Congratulatory notes on his appointment to the Third Circuit Court of Appeals	1982
b. 7a, f. 1	Congratulatory notes on his appointment to the Third Circuit Court of Appeals	1982
b. 7a, f. 2	Ginsburg, Ruth Bader	1993-1999

Series II: Judicial activities , 1970-2006

Series II contains materials from Becker's positions at the Eastern District of Pennsylvania Court and the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. Contents include materials related to his appointment to the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and the Third Circuit courts, case materials, court memoranda and other communications, legal opinions, and specific projects and events Becker was involved in. Series II also contains files pertaining to other activities not directly related to his work with those courts, including his work on asbestos litigation and a law clerk hiring plan. There are also materials related to an investigation by the Board of Censors of allegations by Bruce W. Praeger and Gerald M. Bonino against A. Charles Peruto involving Becker and others for misconduct. Finally, there is a section of photographs that depict court functions and include official court portraits, many of which are undated.

Eastern District of Pennsylvania Court

b. 8, f. 1	Acknowledgment letters related to swearing-in ceremony	1970
b. 8, f. 2-3	Appointment to the court: biographical background	1970
b. 8, f. 4-5	Board of Censors investigation	1979, undated
b. 9, f. 1-3	Board of Censors investigation	1979, undated
b. 9, f. 4	General case materials	1975, undated
b. 9, f. 5	Humor awards	1979-1980
b. 56	Humor awards	1979-1980
b. 9, f. 6-8	Materials related to <i>Matsushita v. Zenith</i> case	1980-1989
b. 9, f. 9	Memoranda and other court communications	1975-1980
b. 9, f. 10	Notes and other materials	1978-1981
b. 10, f. 1	Notes and other materials	1978-1981
b. 10, f. 2	Opinions, reports and transcripts	1974-1980
b. 58	Judge Joseph Lord retirement party <i>1 Audiocassette</i>	Circa 1982

Third Circuit Court of Appeals

b. 10, f. 3-4	General	1982-2003
b. 56	General memorabilia	1980
b. 57	General memorabilia	Undated
b. 10, f. 5	First application for nomination	1977-1979
b. 10, f. 6	Second application for nomination	1978-1981
b. 10, f. 7	Appointment and confirmation to the Third Circuit	1979-1982
b. 11, f. 1-3	Appointment and confirmation to the Third Circuit	1979-1982
b. 11, f. 4	Appointment and induction to the Third Circuit	1982

Third Circuit Court of Appeals (continued)

Case materials		
b. 11, f. 5	Docket file	1992
b. 11, f. 6-7	Draft opinions	1988-2005
b. 11, f. 8	Motions, orders, and petitions	1991-2002
b. 11, f. 9	Opinions to be filed and submitted	1995-1996
b. 59	<i>Freethought Society v. County of Chester</i> 1 Audiocassette English	2003
b. 60	<i>Freethought Society v. County of Chester</i> 1 Audiocassette English	2003
b. 61	<i>Georgine v. Amchem Products</i> 1 Audiocassette English	Circa 1994
b. 62	<i>Georgine v. Amchem Products</i> 1 Audiocassette English	Circa 1994
b. 63	<i>Georgine v. Amchem Products</i> 1 Audiocassette English	Circa 1994
b. 64	<i>Georgine v. Amchem Products</i> 1 Audiocassette English	Circa 1994
b. 12, f. 1	Supreme Court materials related to Third Circuit cases appealed	1995-1997
b. 12, f. 2	Supreme Court petitions for a Writ of Certiorari	1985-1998
Ceremonies and dedications		
b. 12, f. 3	Celebratory resolutions and proclamations	1990-2003
b. 12, f. 4	Lobby dedication	1997-2001
b. 12, f. 5	Programs and fliers	1982-2005
b. 13, f. 1	Programs and fliers	1982-2005
b. 13, f. 2	Programs from party sing-a-longs	1995-2003
b. 13, f. 3	Remarks and speeches	1996-2001
b. 13, f. 4	Consolidation of the clerk's office and the staff attorney's office	2000
b. 13, f. 5-7	Coordinating group of financial disclosure legislation	2000-2001
b. 14, f. 1	Coordinating group of financial disclosure legislation	2000-2001
b. 55, f. 1	Design of the James A. Byrne Court House lobby	1999-2000

Third Circuit Court of Appeals (continued)

b. 14, f. 2-3	Future Agenda of the Court of Appeals, Third Circuit	1991-1997
b. 14, f. 4	Judicial outreach in schools	1987-2000
Legal opinions		
b. 14, f. 5-6	Circuit and district courts	1984-2004
b. 15, f. 1	Circuit and district courts	1984-2004
b. 15, f. 2	Supreme Court of the United States	1990-2004
b. 15, f. 3	Third Circuit	1986-2005
b. 15, f. 4	List of accomplishments	1999
Memoranda and other court communications		
b. 15, f. 5	1982-1989	1982-1989
b. 15, f. 6	1990-1993	1990-1993
b. 16, f. 1	1994-1995	1994-1995
b. 16, f. 2	1996-1999	1996-1999
b. 16, f. 3	2001-2003	2001-2003
b. 16, f. 4	2004-2005	2004-2005
b. 16, f. 5	Naming of the Allentown courthouse	1999
b. 16, f. 6	Newark/Pittsburgh sittings	1998
b. 16, f. 7	Speeches- Third Circuit Accomplishments	2000
b. 16, f. 8-10	Task Force for Furnishing Counsel for Indigent Litigants	1997-2000
b. 17, f. 1	Task Force for Furnishing Counsel for Indigent Litigants	1997-2000
b. 17, f. 2	Task Force for Furnishing Counsel to Indigent Litigants- July 9, 1998 Task Force Meeting	1998
b. 65	Task Force for Furnishing Counsel for Indigent Litigants- recording of meeting <i>1 Audiocassette</i>	1998 March 5
b. 66	Task Force for Furnishing Counsel for Indigent Litigants- recording of meeting <i>1 Audiocassette</i>	1998 March 5
b. 17, f. 3-6	Task Force on the Death Penalty	1998-2003
b. 18, f. 1-2	Task Force on the Death Penalty	1998-2003
Other judicial activities		
Asbestos legislation		
b. 18, f. 3-5	1998-2003	1998-2003

Other judicial activities > Asbestos legislation (continued)

b. 18, f. 6-7	2003 English	2003
b. 19, f. 1-2	2003 English	2003
b. 19, f. 3-4	2003-2004	2003-2004
b. 19, f. 5	2004 April	2004 April
b. 19, f. 6	2004 May	2004 May
b. 19, f. 7-8	2004 April-August	2004 April-August
b. 20, f. 1	2004 April-August	2004 April-August
b. 20, f. 2-4	2004 August	2004 August
b. 20, f. 5	1995-2005	1995-2005
b. 20, f. 6	2004-2005	2004-2005
b. 20, f. 7	Biographies and backgrounds	1989-2003
b. 20, f. 8	Contact lists	Undated
b. 20, f. 9	Drafts and drafting notes of the Fairness in Asbestos Injury Resolution Act (FAIR Act)	2005-2006
b. 21, f. 1	Drafts and drafting notes of the Fairness in Asbestos Injury Resolution Act (FAIR Act)	2005-2006
b. 21, f. 2	Handwritten notes	Circa 2005
b. 21, f. 3	Proposed claim system	2003
b. 21, f. 4	Testimony and notes related to the Fairness in Asbestos Injury Resolution Act (FAIR Act)	Undated
b. 21, f. 5	Transcript of proceedings before the United States Senate Committee of the Judiciary (Fairness in Asbestos Injury Resolution Act)	2003
Asylum-Seekers		
b. 21, f. 6-9	"Representing Asylum-Seekers in the Circuit Courts" continuing legal education (CLE) course English	2004-2005
b. 22, f. 1-6	"Representing Asylum-Seekers in the Circuit Courts" continuing legal education (CLE) course English	2004-2005
b. 23, f. 1	"Representing Asylum-Seekers in the Circuit Courts" continuing legal education (CLE) course English	2004-2005

Other judicial activities > Asylum-Seekers (continued)

b. 67	Asylum Seekers: Video Introduction by Sandra Day O'Connor <i>1 Videocassette (VHS) 0:04:20 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm)</i> As a preservation measure, original materials, as well as preservation and duplicating masters, may not be used. Digital access copies must be provided for use. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access. A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives.	2005 September 28
b. 23, f. 2	Habeas Corpus bill	2005
Judicial Conference of the United States		
b. 23, f. 3	Advisory committee on alternatives to imprisonment	1989
b. 23, f. 4	Automation of probation system/mandatory minimums	1990
b. 23, f. 5	Drug aftercare testimony	1989
b. 23, f. 6	Enhanced supervision seminar, probation testimony center	1990
b. 23, f. 7	Guideline recommendation material for sentencing guidelines	1990
b. 23, f. 8	Materials related to Brookings Institute speech on drug policy	1989
b. 23, f. 9	Materials related to mandatory minimum sentencing and "Federal Day"	1990
b. 23, f. 10	Meeting with Boyden Gray regarding mandatory minimums	1990
b. 23, f. 11	Notes related to sentencing guidelines	1990
b. 23, f. 12	Probation office, District of New Jersey report for year ending June 30, 1989	1991
b. 23, f. 13	Proposed long-range plan for the federal courts	1995
b. 24, f. 1	Role of probation officer training	1989
b. 24, f. 2	Sentencing guidelines training	1989
b. 24, f. 3	Sentencing guidelines training seminar	1987
b. 24, f. 4	Statement regarding proposed amendments to sentencing guidelines	1990
Testimony before the sentencing commission		
b. 24, f. 5	1986 English	1986
b. 24, f. 6	1988 English	1988
b. 24, f. 7	Testimony before subcommittee on crime	1986
b. 24, f. 8	Testimony before subcommittee on criminal justice	1990
b. 24, f. 9	Testimony on drug testing	1990

Other judicial activities > Judicial Conference of the United States (continued)

b. 25, f. 1	Testimony on pretrial detention	1989-1990
b. 25, f. 2	Warden's Conference	1989
Law clerk hiring timing plans		
b. 25, f. 3	1979-1987	1979-1987
b. 25, f. 4	1988 English	1988
b. 25, f. 5	1988-1993	1988-1993
b. 25, f. 6	1988-1998	1988-1998
b. 25, f. 7	1989-1990	1989-1990
b. 25, f. 8	1990 English	1990
b. 25, f. 9	1991-1992	1991-1992
b. 25, f. 10	1993 English	1993
b. 26, f. 1	1994 English	1994
b. 26, f. 2	1994-1995	1994-1995
b. 26, f. 3	1994-1998	1994-1998
b. 26, f. 4-6	Article for the Yale Law Journal	1986-1995
b. 26, f. 7-8	Law clerk hiring proposals	2002
b. 27, f. 1-3	Law clerk hiring proposals	2002
b. 27, f. 4-5	Law clerk hiring proposals	2002-2003
b. 27, f. 6-7	Proposal to reform the law clerk hiring process	1999-2002
b. 27a, f. 1	Proposal to reform the law clerk hiring process	1999-2002
b. 27a, f. 2	Questionnaire returns used for the Yale Law School Journal article	1993
b. 27a, f. 3	Reactions to the proposed law clerk hiring plan	2003

Ninth Circuit Court training

Other judicial activities > Ninth Circuit Court training (continued)

b. 77	<p>Learning the Nuts and Bolts of Ninth Circuit Practice handbook 2009-M-016-0006 1 CD-R (24.38 megabytes)</p> <p>Date for this material was determined by the content of the files.</p> <p>As a preservation measure, original materials may not be used. Digital access copies must be provided for use. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access</p> <p>This material was imaged or captured by the Yale University Digital Accessioning Support Service (DASS) in 2017 for preservation and access. For more information on the DASS and the actions taken during its accessioning work, click here: Born Digital @ Yale: Digital Accessioning Support Service.</p>	2005
b. 78	<p>Learning Nuts and Bolts handbook 2009-M-016-0007 1 CD-R (24.72 megabytes)</p> <p>Date for this material was determined from the contents of the file.</p> <p>As a preservation measure, original materials may not be used. Digital access copies must be provided for use. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access</p> <p>This material was imaged or captured by the Yale University Digital Accessioning Support Service (DASS) in 2017 for preservation and access. For more information on the DASS and the actions taken during its accessioning work, click here: Born Digital @ Yale: Digital Accessioning Support Service.</p>	2004
Photographs		
b. 27a, f. 4	Court events	1998
b. 27a, f. 5-6	Court events	Undated
b. 27a, f. 7	Full court portraits	Undated
b. 55, f. 2	Full court portraits	Undated
b. 27a, f. 8	Official portraits of Edward R. Becker	Undated
b. 80	<p>Unidentified event (photograph album) <i>Magnetic photo album with 3x5 color. The photographs stuck to the album sheets.</i></p>	Circa 1980s

Series III: Subject files, 1970-2005

Series III contains materials on topics that were of interest to Becker, much of it for research on cases, law journal articles, or speeches. Materials include clippings, internal court documents, correspondence, and interviews with Becker. Some of these subjects are directly related to cases and causes in which Becker was involved; others are more tangentially of interest.

b. 28, f. 1-2	General	1970-1989
b. 28, f. 3	Adams, Arlin	1967-2005
Alito confirmation hearings		
b. 28, f. 4-7	2005 English	2005
b. 29, f. 1	2005 English	2005
b. 29, f. 2-3	2005-2006	2005-2006
b. 29, f. 4-5	2006 English	2006
b. 29, f. 6	"The Alito Opinions" Report English	2005
b. 29, f. 7-9	Analysis of legal opinions- "Cases in which there is direct disagreement: outcome different"	Circa 2005
b. 30, f. 1	Analysis of legal opinions- "Cases in which there is direct disagreement: outcome different"	Circa 2005
b. 30, f. 2	Analysis of legal opinions- "Cases in which either Becker or Alito conc. or dis. from majority"	Circa 2005
Alternative structures of the Court of Appeals		
b. 30, f. 3-7	1995-2000	1995-2000
b. 31, f. 1	Ninth Circuit split	1998-2005
Cameras in courtroom		
General		
b. 31, f. 2	1994-1999, undated	1994-1999, undated
b. 31, f. 3	2000, undated	2000, undated
b. 31, f. 4	2001, undated	2001, undated
b. 31, f. 5	2002, undated	2002, undated
b. 31, f. 6	2003-2004, undated	2003-2004, undated

Cameras in courtroom (continued)

b. 31, f. 7	"Justice Talking" English	2004, undated
b. 31, f. 8	Newshour with Jim Lehrer	2000
b. 68	Newshour with Jim Lehrer- video recording <i>1 Videocassette (VHS) 0:14:28 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm)</i> As a preservation measure, original materials, as well as preservation and duplicating masters, may not be used. Digital access copies must be provided for use. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access. A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives.	2000 November 30
b. 69	Newsmakers: Edward R. Becker- video recording <i>1 Videocassette (VHS) 0:06:24 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm)</i> As a preservation measure, original materials, as well as preservation and duplicating masters, may not be used. Digital access copies must be provided for use. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access. A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives.	2002 July 19
b. 31, f. 9	Testimony before Senate subcommittee on Senate bill S. 721 background material	2000
b. 31, f. 10-11	Testimony before Senate subcommittee on Senate bill S. 721 briefing notebook	2000
b. 70	Today Show- video recording <i>1 Videocassette (VHS) 0:11:28 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm)</i> As a preservation measure, original materials, as well as preservation and duplicating masters, may not be used. Digital access copies must be provided for use. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access. A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives.	2000 November 27
b. 31, f. 12	United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit	2005
b. 32, f. 1-4	Certifications of questions of law	1996-1998
b. 32, f. 5-6	Class action lawsuits	1995-2006
b. 33, f. 1-4	Class action lawsuits	1995-2006
b. 33, f. 5	Daubert standard of evidence	1995-2005
b. 34, f. 1-2	Daubert standard of evidence	1995-2005
b. 34, f. 3	Equalization of judges' salaries	2005
b. 34, f. 4-5	Footnotes- materials related to article	1990-1996
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b. 35, f. 4	General Services Administration- rent	2005
b. 35, f. 5	Gillespie, Patrick	1982-2005
b. 35, f. 6	Immigration: "Immigration law in the Ninth Circuit"	2005
b. 35, f. 7	Racism in the judicial system	1970, undated
	Sentencing guidelines	
b. 35, f. 8	1989-1991	1989-1991
b. 36, f. 1-2	Sentencing guidelines article	1995
b. 36, f. 3	Smith, D. Brooks	2000-2002
b. 36, f. 4	Speaking engagements	1972-1985
	Speeches/speech materials	
b. 36, f. 5-6	General	1971-2003
b. 37, f. 1	Commencements	1931-2003
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b. 37, f. 6	Virgin Islands Article III court	1997-2004
b. 37, f. 7	Virgin Islands assignment to the Third Circuit	1995

Series IV: Clippings, 1943-2005

Series IV contains newspaper clippings, magazine clippings, printouts from websites, and law journals. A majority of the clippings concern Becker's cases or his areas of judicial interest. There are also several folders with articles about friends and colleagues of Becker, including obituaries and law journal tributes.

b. 38, f. 1-3	General cases Becker presided over	1975-2004
b. 38, f. 4-6	General- Judicial activities	1977-2005
b. 38, f. 7	General- Law journal articles	1943-2005
b. 39, f. 1-3	General- Law journal articles	1943-2005
b. 39, f. 4-6	General- personal	1977-2005
b. 40, f. 1	Alito, Samuel A.	2005-2006
b. 40, f. 2	Antitrust- Zenith case	1980-1995
b. 40, f. 3-4	Asbestos legislation	2003-2005
b. 40, f. 5	Asbestos litigation	1996-2004
b. 40, f. 6	Becker, Edward R.	1980-2005
b. 40, f. 7	Casino unions	1983-1984
b. 40, f. 8-9	Copyright/intellectual property law	1986-1997
b. 41, f. 1	Death notices, obituaries, and tributes	1968-2004
b. 41, f. 2	Deportation hearings	2002
b. 41, f. 3	Employee benefits/Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA)	2003-2004
b. 41, f. 4	Higginbotham, A. Leon	1979, 1987-1992
b. 41, f. 5	Internet pornography filters/Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA)	1996, 2002-2003
b. 41, f. 6-8	Judges	1982-2005
b. 42, f. 1	Law clerks	1989-2004
b. 42, f. 2	Liability/injuries by faulty products	1982-1997, undated
b. 42, f. 3	Megan's Law	1996
b. 42, f. 4	Peruto scandal	1978
b. 42, f. 5	Philadelphia	1984-2004
b. 42, f. 6	School prayer	1985-1987
b. 42, f. 7	Scientific theories/experts in court	1984-2003
b. 42, f. 8	Smith, D. Brooks	2002

b. 42, f. 9	Specter, Arlen	1971, 1995-2005
b. 42, f. 10	Televised trials/hearings	2002-2003
b. 42, f. 11	Ten commandments	2003
b. 42, f. 12	Third Circuit	1973-2003

Series V: Professional organizations, 1961-2006

Series V contains materials related to different professional organizations in which Becker was involved. Many of these folders contain materials related to awards given by different organizations and planning committees of different sections within the organizations. There are also continuing legal education (CLE) course materials, both taught by Becker and taken by Becker. For other educational programs that Becker was involved with, please see Series VI, Civic Organizations and Educational Programs.

b. 43, f. 1	General professional organizations	1970-2004
b. 43, f. 2	General continuing legal education (CLE) courses	1961-1966
American Bar Association (ABA)		
b. 43, f. 3	General	1984-1985, 2003, undated
b. 43, f. 4	ABA Appellate Litigation Section	1988-1990
b. 43, f. 5	ABA fall meeting	1990
b. 43, f. 6-7	American Judicature Society: Edward J. Devitt Distinguished Service to Justice Award	2002
b. 43, f. 8-9	American Law Institute: Proposals for new members	1994-2004
American Law Institute-American Bar Association		
b. 44, f. 1	General	1987, 2001-2004
b. 44, f. 2	Committee on Continuing Legal Education	1985-1986
b. 44, f. 3	Continuing Legal Education course- "Best Practices in Representing Asylum-Seekers"	2005
b. 44, f. 4	Continuing Legal Education course materials	1961-1962
b. 44, f. 5-6	Expert testimony	1991-1993
b. 44, f. 7	Historic preservation	1986-1998
b. 44, f. 8	Subcommittee on Women and Minorities	1997
b. 45, f. 1	Subcommittee on Women and Minorities	1997
b. 45, f. 2	Trial evidence in the federal courts	1985-1995
b. 45, f. 3	American Society of International Law: judicial outreach program	1999-2006
b. 45, f. 4	Continuing Legal Education course: criminal law questioning	1969
b. 45, f. 5	Continuing Legal Education course: Eighth Circuit asylum appeals project (Minnesota)	2003
b. 45, f. 6	Institute of Judicial Administration- New York University senior appellate judges seminar, July 1992	1988-1992, undated
Los Angeles County Bar Association		

Los Angeles County Bar Association (continued)

b. 72	<p>Immigration section panel audio recording, part 1 of 3 2009-M-016-0001 <i>1 CD-R 01:14:42 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm) (754 megabytes)</i></p> <p>Precise dates could not be identified for this material. The dates provided are circa dates based on the material.</p> <p>As a preservation measure, original materials may not be used. Digital access copies must be provided for use. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access</p> <p>This material was imaged or captured by the Yale University Digital Accessioning Support Service (DASS) in 2017 for preservation and access. For more information on the DASS and the actions taken during its accessioning work, click here: Born Digital @ Yale: Digital Accessioning Support Service.</p>	Circa 2000
b. 73	<p>Immigration section panel audio recording, part 2 of 3 2009-M-016-0002 <i>1 CD-R 01:08:42 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm) (690 megabytes)</i></p> <p>Precise dates could not be identified for this material. The dates provided are circa dates based on the material.</p> <p>As a preservation measure, original materials may not be used. Digital access copies must be provided for use. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access</p> <p>This material was imaged or captured by the Yale University Digital Accessioning Support Service (DASS) in 2017 for preservation and access. For more information on the DASS and the actions taken during its accessioning work, click here: Born Digital @ Yale: Digital Accessioning Support Service.</p>	Circa 2000
b. 74	<p>Immigration section panel audio recording, part 3 of 3 2009-M-016-0003 <i>1 CD-R 01:12:44 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm) (734 megabytes)</i></p> <p>Precise dates could not be identified for this material. The dates provided are circa dates based on the material.</p> <p>As a preservation measure, original materials may not be used. Digital access copies must be provided for use. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access</p> <p>This material was imaged or captured by the Yale University Digital Accessioning Support Service (DASS) in 2017 for preservation and access. For more information on the DASS and the actions taken during its accessioning work, click here: Born Digital @ Yale: Digital Accessioning Support Service.</p>	Circa 2000
b. 45, f. 7	<i>Manual for complex litigation, second edition</i> panel discussion English	Circa 1986
b. 45, f. 8	Pennsylvania Bar Institute	2000-2005, undated
b. 45, f. 9	Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association (Toastmasters)	1975

Series VI: Civic organizations and educational programs, 1979-2006

Series VI contains materials related to different civic organizations that Becker joined, as well as educational programs that he led with different institutions. For materials related to continuing legal education (CLE) courses, please see Series V. Materials include programs, correspondence and internal communications, minutes and agendas, newsletters, and legal documents.

b. 46, f. 1	General organizations	1990, 1997, undated
b. 46, f. 2	American Historical Theater	1999
b. 46, f. 3	Association for Retarded Citizens (ARC)	1984, 1991
b. 46, f. 4	Fox Chase Cancer Center building expansion	2005
b. 46, f. 5	Fox Rothchild summer program	1988-1989
b. 46, f. 6-8	Free Chestnut Street	2003
b. 71	Free Chestnut Street button	Circa 2003
	Historic Philadelphia, Inc.	
b. 46, f. 9	Betsy Ross house strategic planning meeting	2003-2004
b. 47, f. 1-3	Board of directors	2001-2006
b. 47, f. 4-5	Independence Mall Business and Residents Coalition (IMBARC)	2003-2006
b. 48, f. 1-4	Independence Mall Business and Residents Coalition (IMBARC)	2003-2006
	Magna Carta exhibition	
	General	
b. 48, f. 5-6	1986-1993	1986-1993
b. 49, f. 1	1986-1993	1986-1993
b. 49, f. 2	2002-2003	2002-2003
b. 49, f. 3	Business and travel expenses	1987
b. 49, f. 4	By-laws and committee list	1986-1987
b. 49, f. 5-7	Correspondence	1986-1987
b. 49, f. 8	Essay contest	1987
b. 49, f. 9	Handwritten notes	Circa 1986-1987
b. 49, f. 10	Invitation	1987
b. 50, f. 1-2	Law day	1987
b. 50, f. 3	Library company exhibit	1987
b. 50, f. 4	Luncheon	1987

Magna Carta exhibition (continued)

Meetings

b. 50, f. 5	1986 April 11	1986 April 11
b. 50, f. 6	1986 May 7	1986 May 7
b. 50, f. 7	1986 June 10	1986 June 10
b. 50, f. 8	Newspaper clippings and publicity materials	1986-1987
b. 50, f. 9	Parade	1987
b. 50, f. 10	Perot, H. Ross	1986
b. 50, f. 11	School district	1987
b. 50, f. 12	Tax exemption	1986-1987
b. 50, f. 13	"We the People 200" English	1985-1986

National Public Radio (NPR)

b. 76	Justice Talking: Defense and the Death Penalty broadcast 2009-M-016-0005 <i>1 CD-R 00:59:02 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm) (595.88 megabytes)</i> Date for this material was determined from the contents of the file. As a preservation measure, original materials may not be used. Digital access copies must be provided for use. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access This material was imaged or captured by the Yale University Digital Accessioning Support Service (DASS) in 2017 for preservation and access. For more information on the DASS and the actions taken during its accessioning work, click here: Born Digital @ Yale: Digital Accessioning Support Service .	2004
b. 75	Justice Talking: Under God, Under Fire National Public Radio broadcast 2009-M-016-0004 <i>1 CD-R 00:54:56 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm) (554.59 megabytes)</i> Date for this material was determined from the contents of the file. As a preservation measure, original materials may not be used. Digital access copies must be provided for use. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access This material was imaged or captured by the Yale University Digital Accessioning Support Service (DASS) in 2017 for preservation and access. For more information on the DASS and the actions taken during its accessioning work, click here: Born Digital @ Yale: Digital Accessioning Support Service .	2003
b. 50, f. 14	National Resource Learning Center New Frankford Community Y General	1979

New Frankford Community Y > General (continued)

b. 51, f. 1	1994-1995	1994-1995
b. 51, f. 2	1994-1996	1994-1996
b. 51, f. 3-5	1995 English	1995
b. 51, f. 6	1995-1996	1995-1996
b. 51, f. 7	1996 English	1996
b. 52, f. 1	1996 English	1996
b. 52, f. 2	1996-1997	1996-1997
b. 52, f. 3	1997 English	1997
b. 52, f. 4	Agenda/minutes	1994-1995
b. 52, f. 5	By-laws	1995, undated
b. 52, f. 6	Correspondence	1994-1995
b. 52, f. 7	Financial documents	1994-1997
b. 52, f. 8	Physical structure	1995-1997
b. 52a, f. 1	Strategic plan	1994-1995
b. 52a, f. 2-3	Philadelphia Chamber Music Society	2004-2005
b. 52a, f. 4	Rhodes scholarship committee	1996
b. 52a, f. 5	University of Pennsylvania orientation speech	1979
b. 52a, f. 6	Villanova jurist-in-residence seminar	1979

Series VII: Personal papers, 1950-2005

Series VII contains materials that are personal in nature. These include photographs of family and friends, speeches given at funerals and events not related to judicial, professional, or civic activities, materials related to his family, and humorous materials. It also includes drafts of writings by others that Becker edited.

b. 53, f. 1	General	1958-2005, undated
b. 53, f. 2	Certificates	1980, 2002-2004
b. 53, f. 3	Curriculum vitae of Becker	2001-2002
b. 53, f. 4	Drafts for Becker to edit	1978, 1998-1999, 2004
b. 53, f. 5	Handwritten notes	Undated
b. 53, f. 6	Humorous comics and poetry	1988-2003, undated
b. 53, f. 7	Materials related to family	Circa 2003-2004, undated
b. 53, f. 8	Photographs	1950, 1985- 2003, undated
b. 53, f. 9-11	Programs and fliers	1981-2005, undated
b. 54, f. 1	Speeches and remarks by Becker	1992-1998, undated
b. 54, f. 2	Speeches and remarks made by others	1986-2005, undated

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