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INDIANAPOLIS BAR ASSOCIATION RECORDS, 1878-1987

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	4 manuscript boxes, 1 oversize folder, 29 Bound Volumes, 1 photograph folder
COLLECTION DATES:	1878-1987
PROVENANCE:	Indianapolis Bar Association, One Indiana Square, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204, 16 February 1988
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HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Indianapolis Bar Association was founded on November 30, 1878 at the law offices of Dye and Harris. Included among the forty original members were Benjamin Harrison, the twenty-third president of the United States, and Charles W. Fairbanks, who later served as vice-president under Theodore Roosevelt. Napoleon B. Taylor served as the organization's first president, John A. Henry was secretary, and John M. Judah was treasurer.

One of the association's chief functions is the maintenance of a library. A library committee was formed within the IBA's first year of existence, and by 1910 there were 7,000 volumes available for use by judges, attorneys, and students of the Indiana Law School.

The association was also active in obtaining reforms in court procedures such as the appeals procedure, judge's salaries, non-partisan selection of judges, and reducing court costs. In addition, the organization formed a grievance committee that oversaw not only the conduct of its members, but all attorneys and judges in the city as well, and an increase in the standards of legal education and the procedure of admitting new members to the bar.

The Indianapolis Bar Association is now located in the Indiana National Bank Building and currently claims over 2,600 members. The organization continues to maintain a library, oversee the conduct of all attorneys, and offers opinions and solutions to current legal and court problems.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The bulk of the collection consists of the organization's meeting minutes, 1878-1964. These include the regular association meetings, the board of managers, and the executive committee. Subjects discussed included the maintenance and operation of the library, conduct of members, saving of court and other legal expenses, views on current and pending national and state legislation, and the general financial and structural operation of the organization including changes in the association's constitution, committee reports, and the election of officers.

The collection also contains memorial service books for deceased members, 1899-1930s, membership books, 1910s-1950s, and items relating to the association's library such as the roster of books borrowed, the library's catalog, 1935, a list of holdings, 1935-1945, and a history of the IBA library, 1940. In addition, there are the committee meeting minutes for the building and club room committee and the inventory and cost of remodeling and refurnishing the library and club room at 33 N. Pennsylvania Street, Indianapolis, 1955-1959, and the ledger of securities owned by the association, 1936-1946. Also included are correspondence, historical information, and other news regarding the Bar Association's centennial celebration on November 30, 1978, including the official guest book for the event. There are also printed publications of the IBA such as organizational information, membership books, fee schedules, and code of ethics, 1912-1987. The papers also contain the diaries of Winchester, Indiana attorney and Indiana Secretary of State, Union B. Hunt, 1899-1902, describing the events of his life including meetings with Benjamin Harrison in 1899.

Photographs are located in visual collections.

In September, 1989, bound volumes numbers 2139, 2140, 2142, 2145, 2146, 2163 were removed from their bindings and renamed boxes 3 & 4 and OM 0240.

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