SHEILA KENNEDY AND LGBT ARTICLES COLLECTION, CA. 1990S–2015

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Sheila Kennedy graduated from Indiana University (IU) with a degree in education and became an English teacher at Arlington High School in Indianapolis. In the 1970s, Kennedy changed careers and became a lawyer, graduating with honors from the IU School of Law at Indianapolis in 1975. From 1975 to 1977 she was an associate at Baker & Daniels. In 1977 she became the corporation counsel for the city of Indianapolis, until 1980, when she was made a partner at Mears Crawford Kennedy & Eichholtz. In 1992 Kennedy became the executive director of the Indiana Civil Liberties Union (ICLU). She remained with the ICLU for six years, when she left to become an assistant professor of law and public policy at IU's School of Public Environmental Affairs (SPEA).

The ICLU, also called the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Indiana, defends individual rights and liberties as written in the U.S. and Indiana Constitutions and civil rights laws. This includes monitoring legislation and handling complaints which are related to LGBT issues. A Gay and Lesbian Rights Task Force was created and worked with the ICLU to fight for the civil rights of the LGBT community. In January 1998 the ICLU started the Project for Equal Rights, with the mission of securing equal treatment for the LGBT community and to fight discrimination based on HIV/AIDS status.

Sources:
ACLU of Indiana, "About Us," http://www.aclu-in.org/about/about-us
Collection materials.
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The collection also contains a CD with digital files of Sheila Kennedy's blogs and the following miscellaneous articles related to Sheila Kennedy, the ICLU and LGBT history:

- Emily Swiatek, “ICLU director leaving for IUPUI professorship,” *The Indiana Lawyer*, March 1998
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