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Descriptive Summary

Title: David J. Langum, Sr. Legal Papers

Dates: 1968-1978

Collection number: MSS-2008-05-09

Creator: Langum, David J., 1940-

Collection Size: 6 boxes(6.75 linear feet)

Repository: San José State University. Library.

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Abstract: The David J. Langum, Sr. Legal Papers, 1968-1978 document Langum's ten-year tenure in San José, California as a practicing attorney and resident. The papers consist of complete legal files and a sampling of other legal cases. Langum is a lawyer, legal historian, law professor and prolific writer. He is also the founder of the Langum Charitable Trust, which awards travel grants to researchers and gives out annual awards for historical fiction and legal histories.

Physical location: For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the Library's online catalog.

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

Access

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Processing History

Collection processed by Trista Raezer. Finding aid EAD encoded by Mary Ellen Petrich. Reviewed by Danelle Moon and Erin Louthen.

Biographical History

David J. Langum, Sr. is a lawyer, legal historian, law professor and writer. Born in 1940 to John K. and Virginia Langum, he attended Dartmouth College for a degree in history, and Stanford University for his law degree. He practiced law in San José from 1968 to 1978 as a partner of Christenson, Hedemark, Langum & O'Keefe, and completed a master's degree in history at San José State University in 1976. Langum continued his education at the University of Michigan for a LL.M. and S.J.D. in legal history.

Langum founded the Langum Charitable Trust in 2001 in order to promote the writing of informative historical literature for the general public. His trust proffers two awards each year to the best American historical fiction and best American law history book. The trust also awards grants to researchers wishing to research the Langum Papers and the de Mattos Papers at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library.

Over the years Langum has also served as the President of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) in Alabama, President of the Friends of the Birmingham Public Library, and professor at the Nevada School of Law, Detroit College of Law, Lincoln University School of Law in San José, the San Francisco Law School and Samford University in Alabama.

Langum's main research and teaching interests include evidence, property, legal history, history of the American West, law and morality in America, and 19th- and 20th-century American legal history. He has authored six books, over thirty-eight book reviews, and many journal articles.

Scope and Content

The David J. Langum, Sr. Legal Papers, 1968-1978, document Langum's legal practice in San José, California. The papers consist of complete legal files and a sampling of other legal cases, including depositions, interrogatories, and litigation. Types of court cases represented in the papers are personal injury, domestic relations, business and real property, bankruptcy and criminal cases. Langum is a lawyer, legal historian, law professor and prolific writer. He is also the founder of the Langum Charitable Trust, which awards travel grants to researchers and gives out annual awards for historical fiction and legal histories.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged into one series: Series I. Legal Papers, 1968-1978.

Subject Headings

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Langum, David J., Sr. -- Correspondence

Lawyers -- California -- San Jose

Legal documents -- California -- San Jose

Domestic relations -- California -- San Jose -- Cases

Real property -- California -- San Jose -- Cases

Bankruptcy -- California -- San Jose -- Cases

Series I: **Legal Papers 1968-1978**

Physical Description: 6 boxes

Series Scope and Content Summary

This series consists of legal records documenting personal injury, domestic relations, business and real property, bankruptcy and criminal cases. Boxes 1-3 contain complete legal records. Boxes 4-6 contain a sampling of incomplete legal records, some of which were removed by Langum in the interest of client confidentiality.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged according to the creator's original filing schema and by legal area.

Box 1	Complete Files: Business and Real Property, Transactions, Reorganizations, and Litigations 1968-1976
Folder 1	Taxsavers Associates--Insolvency Reorganization 1971 Physical Description: 1 folder
Folder 2	Taxsavers--Other Assets 1971 Physical Description: 1 folder
Folder 3	Taxsavers--Leases 1971 Physical Description: 1 folder
Folder 4	Merger--Taxsavers Associates 1970 Physical Description: 1 folder
Folder 5	Taxsavers 1971 Physical Description: 1 folder
Folder 6	Bank of America, et al. vs. Haford, Albert W. 1974-1976 Physical Description: 1 folder
Folder 7	Brewer vs. Tappin 1968-1970 Physical Description: 1 folder
Folder 8	Jackson vs. Skypower 1970 Physical Description: 1 folder
Folder 9	Experts and Subpoenas 1970-1971 Physical Description: 1 folder
Folder 10	Judgment and Collections 1972 Physical Description: 1 folder
Folder 11	Jackson vs. Skypower--Correspondence 1969-1972 Physical Description: 1 folder
Folder 12	Impeachment and Miscellaneous 1969-1970 Physical Description: 1 folder
Folder 13	Pleadings 1969-1971 Physical Description: 1 folder
Folder 14	Evidence 1969-1970 Physical Description: 1 folder
Folder 15	Jackson vs. Skypower--Pleading 1969-1971 Physical Description: 1 folder
Folder 16	Testimony 1969 Physical Description: 1 folder

Folder 17	Argument--Research 1972 Physical Description: 1 folder
Box 2	Complete Files: Nine Years of Representing a Weekly Newspaper--From Purchase, Legal Disputes, to Sale 1967-1976
Folder 18	Gene E. Malott Hillsborough Boutique 1967 Physical Description: 1 folder
Folder 19	Hillsborough Boutique--General Circulation Problem 1973-1975 Physical Description: 1 folder
Folder 20	Hillsborough Boutique--Raley Retirement 1970 Physical Description: 1 folder
Folder 21	Hillsborough Boutique 1971-1973 Physical Description: 1 folder
Folder 22	Copyright Infringement--Hillsborough Boutique vs. San José Mercury News 1973 Physical Description: 1 folder
Folder 23	Closing--Hillsborough Boutique 1969-1970 Physical Description: 1 folder
Folder 24	Hillsborough Boutique vs. Nancy Foster et al. 1969 Physical Description: 1 folder
Folder 25	Hillsborough Boutique vs. Foster--Evidence 1969 Physical Description: 1 folder
Folder 26	Hillsborough Boutique--Miscellaneous 1968 Physical Description: 1 folder
Folder 27	Sale of Business--Gene E. Malott 1976 Physical Description: 1 folder
Folder 28	Hillsborough Boutique 1967-1976 Physical Description: 1 folder
Box 3	Complete Files: Personal Injury Cases 1968-1974
Folders 29-31	Spiciarcrich, Irene vs. Skagg's Payless Drugs 1969-1970 Physical Description: 3 folders
Folders 32-35	Dragoo, Rose and Sumuel vs. Brown 1973-1974 Physical Description: 4 folders
Folders 36-38	Roberts vs. P. I. Defense Francis, Rose Marie 1972-1974 Physical Description: 3 folders
Folder 39	Francis and Roberts vs. Currier 1968-1969 Physical Description: 1 folder

Folder 40	Nora Anne Roberts et al. vs. Leslie Karen Currier 1968-1972 Physical Description: 1 folder
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Box 4	Reduced Files: Bankruptcy Appeal, Criminal Matters 1967-1975
Folder 41	Office of Davis Enterprise 1967 Physical Description: 1 folder
Folders 42-47	Tibbits Publications 1967-1971 Physical Description: 6 folders
Folder 48	Bankruptcy Appeal from Adjudication--Important Correspondence and Orders 1970-1975 Physical Description: 1 folder
Folder 49	Bankruptcy--Appeal from Adjudication Briefs before 9th Circuit 1970 Physical Description: 1 folder
Folder 50	Bankruptcy--Appeal from Adjudication Briefs before U.S. Superior Court 1972 Physical Description: 1 folder
Folders 51-52	Criminal--Securities Violation/Fraud 1969 Physical Description: 2 folders
Folders 53-54	Criminal Appeal--Assault/Rape, Two Separate Cases 1967 Physical Description: 2 folders
Folder 55	Criminal Marijuana 1974 Physical Description: 1 folder
Folder 56	Quasi-Criminal DUI--Refused to Take Tests 1974 Physical Description: 1 folder

Box 5	Reduced Files: Business and Real Property Litigation 1966-1976
Folder 57	Business Litigation--Negligent Repair 1973 Physical Description: 1 folder
Folder 58	Union Grievance Arbitration 1972 Physical Description: 1 folder
Folder 59	Interference with Contracted Relationship 1966 Physical Description: 1 folder
Folder 60	Eviction 1976 Physical Description: 1 folder
Folder 61	Business Litigation--Sale of Business, Commission Dispute 1976 Physical Description: 1 folder
Folders 62-63	Business Litigation--Sale of Floral Shop 1976 Physical Description: 2 folders

Folder 64	Real Property Litigation 1967 Physical Description: 1 folder
Folder 65	Business Litigation--Breach of Contract/Fraud 1970 Physical Description: 1 folder
Folders 66-67	Injunction--Trade Secrets/Client Solicitation Customer List 1969 Physical Description: 2 folders
Folders 68-69	Action to Declare a 1936 Document a Forgery--Pleadings, Trial Brief, Judgment, Evidence 1970 Physical Description: 2 folders
Folders 70-72	Usury Defense Pleadings, Interrogatories, Settlement 1974 Physical Description: 3 folders

Box 6	Reduced Files: Personal Injury and Domestic Relations 1964-1977
Folder 73	Personal Injury 1967 Physical Description: 1 folder
Folder 74	Civil Assault and Battery 1968 Physical Description: 1 folder
Folder 75	Personal Injury 1969 Physical Description: 1 folder
Folder 76	Personal Injury--School Assault/Negligent Supervision 1970 Physical Description: 1 folder
Folder 77	Personal Injury 1970 Physical Description: 1 folder
Folder 78	Personal Injury 1970 Physical Description: 1 folder
Folder 79	Personal Injury--Assault/Possible Damage Claim: Not Filed 1971 Physical Description: 1 folder
Folder 80	Personal Injury 1971 Physical Description: 1 folder
Folder 81	Personal Injury 1971 Physical Description: 1 folder
Folder 82	Personal Injury 1971 Physical Description: 1 folder
Folder 83	Personal Injury 1972 Physical Description: 1 folder
Folder 84	Personal Injury--Struck by Baseball 1972 Physical Description: 1 folder

Folder 85	Personal Injury--Falling off Horse 1973 Physical Description: 1 folder
Folder 86	Personal Injury 1974 Physical Description: 1 folder
Folder 87	Personal Injury 1974 Physical Description: 1 folder
Folder 88	Paternity 1964, Events 1967 1964-1967 Physical Description: 1 folder
Folder 89	Dissolution of Marriage--Support Modification 1971-1972 Physical Description: 1 folder
Folder 90	Dissolution of Marriage--Post Dissolution Modification 1971-1973 Physical Description: 1 folder
Folder 91	Dissolution of Marriage--Property 1973 Physical Description: 1 folder
Folder 92	Post Dissolution--Domestic Support Modification 1973 Physical Description: 1 folder
Folder 93	Dissolution of Marriage 1973 Physical Description: 1 folder
Folder 94	Dissolution of Marriage--Property Contest 1973 Physical Description: 1 folder
Folder 95	Post Dissolution--Modification of Domestic Support 1974 Physical Description: 1 folder
Folder 96	Post Dissolution--Property Not Divided in Decree 1975 Physical Description: 1 folder
Folder 97	Dissolution of Marriage 1977 Physical Description: 1 folder