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Collection Overview

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SUMMARY: The Felix S. Cohen Papers Addition documents aspects of Cohen's legal career as a civil servant, private attorney, and author, as well as his social, political, and professional activities. Included are files stemming from Cohen's work as a legislative draftsman and solicitor for the Department of the Interior, relating especially to Indian affairs and natural resources, and his work as a private attorney, relating to Indian affairs, immigration, and voting rights, including his manuscript notes for oral arguments in the cases of Trujillo vs. Garley and Harrison vs. Laveen; files relating to Cohen's various writing projects, comprising articles and reviews for law journals and published works, including *Ethical Systems and Legal Ideals* and *The Legal Consicence*; and extensive files stemming from his activities with the Socialist Party and the National Lawyers Guild and, to a lesser extent, with various other social, political, and legal organizations, including the League for Industrial Democracy and the Institute for Living Law. Also found are some professional and personal papers.

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Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Conditions Governing Access

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Preferred Citation

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Processing Information

The addition was processed, arranged and described in 2007-2008. Arrangement was largely carried out in accordance with how the initial collection (Felix S. Cohen Papers, WA MSS S-1325) was arranged. Files arrived with no discernable order and extensive re-organization was required to arrange files into series and subseries. Descriptive information at the file level is based on a basic survey of the folder contents. Descriptive information about the collection as a whole was drawn in part from the finding aid for the Felix S. Cohen Papers, WA MSS S-1325.

Associated Materials

Associated material includes the Felix S. Cohen Papers, WA MSS S-1325.

Felix S. Cohen (1907-1953)

Felix Solomon Cohen was a lawyer with special interests in natural resources, in statehood and economic development for American territories, in Indian affairs, and in immigration and minority problems. He was a professor of jurisprudence, a civil servant, and an author of numerous articles on law, ethics, and philosophy, on Native Americans and minorities, and on human and natural resources. From 1933 through 1947 he served in the Solicitor's Office of the Department of Interior as an assistant solicitor, associate solicitor, and acting solicitor. He also served as chairman of the Office's Board of Appeals. Cohen drafted the Wheeler-Howard Act (later known as the Indian Reorganization Act) of 1934, and contributed to the department's handling of Indian and Eskimo aboriginal rights. In 1939 Cohen was named Chief of the Indian Law Survey, a joint project of the Lands Division of the Department of Justice and of the Department of Interior to compile all federal laws, treaties, etc., involving Native Americans. Cohen edited a summary of the 46-volume survey, which was published by the Interior Department as *The Handbook of Federal Indian Law* and remains a milestone in the evolution of Indian law. He received the Department's highest honor--the Distinguished Service Award--on retirement from government service in 1948.

Cohen re-entered private general law practice in January 1948, but continued to be interested in the legal affairs of Native Americans and immigrants, in human rights, and in natural resources. He eventually associated his Washington, D.C. office with the New York law firm of Riegelman, Strasser, Schwarz & Spiegelberg (which later became known in Washington as Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Kampelman). Cohen handled several important pro bono Indian cases, particularly two lawsuits, Trujillo vs. Garley and Harrison vs. Laveen, which established Native Americans' rights to vote in the last two states that had denied the franchise to them--New Mexico and Arizona, as well as cases securing their right to receive Social Security benefits.

In 1946, Cohen had begun teaching legislative drafting and legal philosophy at Yale University's Law School, and jurisprudence at The City College of New York's Department of Philosophy. Cohen had also taught at the New School for Social Research and the University of Newark Law School (later Rutgers Law School). In 1951 he published *Readings in Jurisprudence and Legal Philosophy*, the syllabus which he developed with his father, Morris R. Cohen, for both their jurisprudence courses (Morris Cohen at St. John's Law School and Felix Cohen at Rutgers and the New School for Social Research).

Felix S. Cohen was born in Manhattan, but grew up in Yonkers, New York. He attended The City College of New York, received an M.A. in philosophy from Harvard in 1927 and a Ph.D. from Harvard in 1929. In 1928 Cohen entered Columbia Law School, graduating in 1931. He married Lucy M. Kramer that year; they had two daughters. He died at his home in Washington, D.C., in October 1953.

This biographical note is drawn from the finding aid for the Felix S. Cohen Papers, WA MSS S-1325.

Scope and Contents

The Felix S. Cohen Papers Addition comprises the remainder of the collection that was donated in 1989 and 1991. The addition consists of material that was stored in the basement and other areas of the Cohen residence in Washington, D. C. and that came to light after the death of Lucy Kramer Cohen in 2007. The additional material spans the period from 1925 to 1960, with the bulk of the material dating from 1931 to 1953, and documents aspects of Cohen's legal career as a civil servant, private attorney, and author, as well as his social, political, and professional activities.

Included in the addition are files stemming from Cohen's work as a legislative draftsman and solicitor for the Department of the Interior, relating especially to Indian affairs and natural resources, and his work as a private attorney, relating to Indian affairs, immigration, and voting rights, including his manuscript notes for oral arguments in the cases of Trujillo vs. Garley and Harrison vs. Laveen; files relating to Cohen's various writing projects, comprising articles and reviews for law journals and published works, including *Ethical Systems and Legal Ideals* and *The Legal Consicence*; and extensive files stemming from his activities with the Socialist Party and the National Lawyers Guild and, to a lesser extent, with various other social, political, and legal organizations, including the League for Industrial Democracy and the Institute for Living Law. Also found are some professional and personal papers.

Arrangement

The collection is organized into five series: I. Legal Career, 1930-1955. II. Professional Papers, 1931-1960. III. Writing Projects, 1927-1960. IV. Organizational Affiliations, 1927-1954. V. Personal Papers, circa 1925-1960.

Collection Contents

Series I. Legal Career

8 linear feet (8 boxes)

The Legal Career series consists of files stemming from Cohen's work with the Solicitor's Office of the Department of Interior from 1933 to 1947 and with his private practice from 1948 to 1953.

This Legal Career series is arranged into four subseries: Indian Affairs, Indian Law Survey, Solicitor's Office Records, and Private Practice Office Records.

Indian Affairs 1930-1942

This subseries consists of Department of Interior files largely documenting the drafting and implementation of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 (IRA, known originally as the Wheeler-Howard Act) and routine legal work concerning the department's Indian policies. The files consist of internal memoranda, correspondence, drafts of reports and legal opinions, printed bills and drafts, and printed material by government agencies and private institutions.

Files are arranged in rough chronological order.

b. 1, f. 1	Bills and Notes on Incorporation	1930-1931
b. 1, f. 2	Anthropolgy Questionnaire	1933-1934
b. 1, f. 3	Anthropology	1934
b. 1, f. 4-5	Preliminary drafts of Indian Self-Government Bill	circa 1934
b. 1, f. 6-7	Wheeler-Howard Bill File, Drafts and correspondence	1934
b. 1, f. 8	Wheeler-Howard Indian Bill, Correspondence, charter recommendations, atlas, publicity	1934
b. 1, f. 9-11	Departmental Report, Drafts and Analysis	circa 1934
b. 1, f. 12	Indian Tribal Powers	circa 1934
b. 1, f. 13	Drafts and revisions	circa 1934
b. 1, f. 14	General Notes on Proposed Legislation - Siegel, Shepard, Marshall	circa 1934
b. 1, f. 15	Speeches, etc - Drafts	1934
b. 1, f. 16	Department Report on Wheeler-Howard Indian Rights Bill	1934
b. 1, f. 17	Hearings and testimony on Wheeler-Howard Act	circa 1934
b. 1, f. 18	Tribal hearings on Wheeler-Howard Bill	1934
b. 1, f. 19	Official Indian Vote on Wheeler-Howard Bill	1934
b. 1, f. 20	Wheeler-Howard Bill, Publicity	1934
b. 1, f. 21-22	Congressional Bills on Indian Self-Government, Drafts	1934
b. 1, f. 23	"Solicitor's Opinion: Powers of Indian Tribes" (1934)	circa 1934

Indian Affairs (continued)

b. 2, f. 24	Indian Service and Self-Government	1934-1935
b. 2, f. 25	Indian Constitutions	circa 1934
b. 2, f. 26-29	Tribal Constitutions	1934-1936
b. 2, f. 30-31	Indian Legislation, 74th Congress	1935 January 3 - June 15
b. 2, f. 32	Repeal of Obsolete Laws	1935
b. 2, f. 33	Legal Matters	1935
b. 2, f. 34	Law and Order Regulations	1935
b. 2, f. 35	Indian Rights	circa 1935
b. 2, f. 36	Court of Indian Affairs	circa 1935
	Wheeler-Howard Act	
b. 2, f. 37	General	circa 1935
b. 2, f. 38	Sec. 1-2 [empty folder]	circa 1935
b. 2, f. 39	Sec. 3	circa 1935
b. 2, f. 40	Sec. 4-5	circa 1935
b. 2, f. 41	Sec. 6-15	circa 1935
b. 2, f. 42	Sec. 16	1936-1937
b. 2, f. 43	Sec. 17	1936-1937
b. 2, f. 44	Sec. 18-19	1934-1935
b. 2, f. 45	Memoranda - Explanatory	circa 1935
b. 2, f. 46	Memoranda - Critical	circa 1935
b. 2, f. 47	Memo on Law and Order	1934
b. 3, f. 48-49	Winter Counts	1936
b. 3, f. 50	Land Assignment Forms	1936-1937, 1942
b. 3, f. 51	Office of Indian Affairs, Radio Programs	1936-1937
b. 3, f. 52	Alaska Bill	1937
b. 3, f. 53-55	Indian Land Consolidation Program	1937-1942
b. 3, f. 56	Memorandum for Mr. Woehlke	1938
b. 3, f. 57	New York Indians	1939
b. 3, f. 58	"Indians at Work"	1939 February
b. 3, f. 59	Legislative History of Wheeler-Howard Act [divider]	

Indian Affairs (continued)

b. 3, f. 60	Hearings, Reports and Speeches in Congress	circa 1940
b. 3, f. 61	Bills - Legislative History	circa 1940
b. 3, f. 62	Interpretation of Wheeler-Howard Act [divider]	
b. 3, f. 63	General Interpretation	1934-1936
b. 3, f. 64-65	Black Hills Conference	1941
b. 3, f. 66	Government Publications	circa 1940
b. 3, f. 67	The Indian's Story	circa 1940
b. 3, f. 68	Wheeler-Howard Bill, LK	circa 1940
b. 3, f. 69	Indian Affairs, Trips, etc.	circa 1940
b. 4, f. 70-106	Indian Claims Commission Act, Original Drafts	circa 1940
b. 4, f. 107	"Legislative Material on the Indian Claims Commission Act of 1946"	circa 1946
	Indian Law Survey	1939-1940
	<p>This subseries consists of files stemming from a joint project of the Department of Interior and Department of Justice, on which Cohen served as chief, to create a file of federal legislation and treaties concerning Native Americans. The project resulted in an internal publication entitled "Statutory Compilation of the Indian Law Survey: A Compendium of Federal Laws and Treaties Relating to Indians" and <i>The Handbook of Federal Indian Law</i>. The files consist primarily of memoranda, research material, and drafts.</p> <p>More extensive documentation relating to the Indian Law Survey project can be found in the Felix S. Cohen Papers, WA MSS S-1325.</p> <p>Files are arranged in no particular order.</p>	
b. 4, f. 108	Department of Justice Memoranda - Application Memos	1939
b. 4, f. 109-110	Daybook 1	1939
b. 4, f. 111	"Chap. 3 Indian Treaties, Chap. 9 Individual Rights in Tribal Prop., Chap. 10 The Rights of the Indian in his Personality"	1940
b. 4, f. 112-114	"Chapters 3-9-10, 12-18, 25-27"	1939
b. 4, f. 115	Lists of Court Cases Regarding Indian Affairs	undated
b. 4, f. 116-117	Regulations of Indian Service	undated
b. 4, f. 118-121	"Indian Constitutions, Volume I"	undated
b. 4, f. 122-123	Handbook of Federal Indian Law, Preliminary drafts, Chapters 1 and 3	1940

Solicitor's Office Records 1934-1947

This subseries consists of files relating to Cohen's work with the Solicitor's Office on issues pertaining to natural resources, including government control of coal mines during the Second World War and the use of helium as an energy source. The files consist of memoranda, correspondence, drafts of reports and legal opinions, and printed material. Also found are various government publications.

Files within this subseries are arranged into three groupings: Coal Files, Helium Files, and Printed Material. Files within each grouping are arranged in rough chronological order.

Coal Files

b. 5, f. 124	Coal	1934
b. 5, f. 125-126	Coal	1935
b. 5, f. 127	Bituminous Coal Miscellaneous	1934-1935
b. 5, f. 128-132	Guffey Coal Act	1935-1937
b. 5, f. 133	Consumers' Counsel	1941
b. 5, f. 134-137	Consumers' Counsel Division	1941
b. 5, f. 138	Coal	1941
b. 5, f. 139	Midland Case	1941
b. 5, f. 140	Coal Mines Take-Over	1941
b. 5, f. 141	Control of Coal Mines	1943
b. 5, f. 142	Coal Operations	1943
b. 5, f. 143-144	Regulations for the Operations of Coal Mines Under Government Control	1943
b. 5, f. 145	Mine Safety Legislation	1947
b. 5, f. 146	Moot Court Cases	undated

Helium Files

b. 6, f. 147-148	Helium	1938
b. 6, f. 149	Helium	1939
b. 6, f. 150	Publicity	1938-1939
b. 6, f. 151	Synopsis, Solicitor's Opinion	1938
b. 6, f. 152-154	Memos and Letters	1937-1938
b. 6, f. 155-156	Pending Matters	1938-1940
b. 6, f. 157	Helium Reference Documents	1937-1939
b. 6, f. 158	Memoranda	1940-1941

Solicitor's Office Records > Helium Files (continued)

b. 6, f. 159	Helium	1941-1943
b. 6, f. 160	Laws and Regulations	1946
b. 6, f. 161-163	Testimony and Hearings	undated
Printed Material		
b. 6, f. 164	Self-Help Cooperatives - FERA	1934-1935
b. 6, f. 165	Alaskan Development	1939-1940
b. 6, f. 166	War Relocation Authority	circa 1940
Private Practice Office Records		1949-1955
This subseries consists of files stemming from Cohen's private legal practice and relating to Indian affairs, immigration, and voting rights. Of particular note are Cohen's manuscript notes for his oral argument, of which no printed record exists, in the case of Trujillo vs. Garley, an Indian voting rights case in New Mexico.		
Files are arranged in rough chronological order.		
b. 6, f. 167-172	Outgoing Correspondence, Chronological Files	1949 January - June
b. 7, f. 173-199	Outgoing Correspondence, Chronological Files	1949 July - 1951 October
b. 8, f. 200-211	Outgoing Correspondence, Chronological Files	1951 November - 1953 October
b. 8, f. 212	Trujillo vs. Garley and Harrison vs. Laveen (New Mexico and Arizona voting rights) with notes	1948
b. 8, f. 213	Trujillo vs. Garley, New Mexico's Voting Case - Manuscript Notes for Argument	1948
b. 8, f. 214	Materials regarding "Blackfeet"	1949-1950
b. 8, f. 215	Blackfoot Brief on Housing, Photographs	1950 March
b. 8, f. 216	Telegram	1951
b. 8, f. 217	"Summary Analysis of Proposed Omnibus Immigration Bill"	1951 March 21
b. 8, f. 218	Briefs to Supreme Court of New York County	circa 1952
b. 8, f. 219	Immigration	1952
b. 8, f. 220	Joint Efforts - Land Value Memorial (AL)	1952-1953
b. 8, f. 221	Joint Efforts General - Tabulations on Cases	1953
b. 8, f. 222	Non-Joint Efforts - Office Memos, Briefs, etc.	1954
b. 8, f. 223-225	Joint Efforts - Office Memos, Briefs, etc.	1953-1955

Series II. Professional Papers*1.04 linear feet (3 boxes)*

This series consists of scattered papers and office files that relate broadly to Cohen's professional activities as a lawyer. Material found here overlaps with that found amongst the Legal Career files.

Material is arranged in rough chronological order. Miscellaneous and unsorted material are arranged at the end.

b. 9, f. 226	Bar Admission	circa 1932
b. 9, f. 227-230	Early Career, Memoranda on Cases	1931-1933
b. 9, f. 231	Law Practice, Memos, etc.	1934-1937
b. 9, f. 232	Miscellaneous (from Felix S. Cohen's desk)	1940s
b. 9, f. 233	"Book I. Legal Institutions", Typescript	undated
b. 9, f. 234-237	Expenses	1948-1949
b. 10, f. 238	French Report on U. S. Indians	undated
b. 10, f. 239	Paper for 13th Conference on Science, Philosophy, and Religion	1952
b. 10, f. 240	Papers from Conference on Moral Standards	1953 September
b. 10, f. 241	Alaska's Nuremberg Laws	circa 1954
b. 10, f. 242	Alaska Photographs	undated
b. 10, f. 243	Printed Material on American Indians	1953, 1954
b. 10, f. 244	Blank Stationary	undated
b. 10, f. 245-247	"Material to be read by FSC"	1951-1953
b. 10, f. 248	Awards and Honors	1946-1960
b. 10, f. 249-250	Miscellaneous Correspondence and Memoranda	1940s-1950s
b. 11, f. 251-254	Other Papers	undated

Series III. Writing Projects

5.2 linear feet (6 boxes)

The Writing Projects series consists of notes, background material, manuscripts and drafts, and correspondence relating to articles and book reviews by Cohen that appeared in various law journals and relating to his book, *Ethical Systems and Legal Ideals*, which was originally published in 1933; drafts for a work on Indian land values; notes and drafts for lectures on various topics; and correspondence and source material for the posthumous compilation of Cohen's writings entitled *The Legal Conscience*, edited by Lucy Kramer Cohen, which was published in 1960. Also found are scattered writings by others, and offprints and publications of writings by and about Cohen.

The Writing Projects series is arranged into seven subseries: Articles and Reviews, *Ethical Systems and Legal Ideals*, Indian Land Values, Lectures, *The Legal Conscience*, Writings by Others, and Printed Material.

Articles and Reviews

Files are largely arranged in rough chronological order. Miscellaneous and undated material are arranged at the end.

b. 12, f. 255	Notes	1927
b. 12, f. 256	More Notes on Freedom	1928
b. 12, f. 257	"What is a Question"	1929-1930
b. 12, f. 258-260	Legal Book Reviews	1931-1941
b. 13, f. 261-262	"The Subject Matter of Ethical Studies"	1931-1932
b. 13, f. 263	"Ethical Basis of Legal Criticism", Correspondence	1931-1932
b. 13, f. 264	Review of Boudin, "Government by Judiciary" - notes, manuscript	circa 1932
b. 13, f. 265	"Summary Judgements", Correspondence	1932
b. 13, f. 266	Manchuria	1932
b. 13, f. 267-268	<i>The Student Outlook</i>	1932-1933
b. 13, f. 269-270	"The Blessing of Unemployment"	1933
b. 13, f. 271-273	Perishable Food Industries	1933
b. 13, f. 274	Notes on Perishable Food Industries	circa 1933
b. 13, f. 275	Bentham Review, <i>Yale Law Journal</i>	1933
b. 13, f. 276	Article on Benjamin Cardozo	1933
b. 13, f. 277	"Modern Ethics and the Law"	1934
b. 13, f. 278-282	"Transcendental Nonsense and the Functional Approach"	1935-1937
b. 13, f. 283-288	"Socialism and the Myth of Legality"	1935-1936
b. 14, f. 289-291	"Socialization of Morality"	1935-1939
b. 14, f. 292	Review of Ehrlich, "Fundamental Principles of the Sociology of Law"	1936

Articles and Reviews (continued)

b. 14, f. 293	"Government and the Social Contract"	1936
b. 14, f. 294	Material on Workmen's Compensation	1936-1937
b. 14, f. 295	<i>Columbia Law Review</i> - Notes, etc.	circa 1937
b. 14, f. 296-299	"The Relativity of Philosophical Systems and the Method of Systematic Relativism"	1937-1939
b. 14, f. 300	"The Supreme Court and Religious Liberty"	1937
b. 14, f. 301	"The Problems of Functional Jurisprudence"	1937-1938
b. 14, f. 302	"What City College Will Contribute to the Development of Law"	1938
b. 14, f. 303-305	"Democracy and the War"	1942
b. 14, f. 306-310	Readings in Jurisprudence and Legal Philosophy	1951
b. 14, f. 311	Encyclopedia articles on casuistry and Lorimer, James	undated
b. 14, f. 312	Law Review Invitations, etc.	1935-1939
b. 14, f. 313	Miscellaneous	1938-1939
b. 14, f. 314	"Dialogue on Private Property"	undated
b. 14, f. 315	City College	undated
b. 14, f. 316	Miscellaneous reviews, etc. - Offprints	undated
b. 14, f. 317	"Notes on Fictions" and other notes	undated
b. 14, f. 318	Unclaimed contributions to poetry readings	undated
b. 14, f. 319	Bibliography and offprints	undated
b. 14, f. 320	Notecards	undated
<i>Ethical Systems and Legal Ideals (1933)</i>		
b. 14, f. 321	Manuscripts	circa 1933
b. 15, f. 322-329	Manuscripts	circa 1933
b. 15, f. 330	Notes and Miscellaneous Papers	circa 1933
b. 15, f. 331	Correspondence with publishers	1933-1938
b. 15, f. 332	Correspondence and reviews	1933-1934
b. 15, f. 333	Book Review Digest	1933
	Indian Land Values	undated
b. 15, f. 334-336	Indian Land Values	undated

Lectures

Files are arranged in no particular order.

Lectures (continued)

b. 15, f. 337	"Lectures" [divider]	undated
b. 15, f. 338	Regulation of Hours and Wages	1936
b. 15, f. 339-340	Contemporary Legal Thought in America	undated
b. 16, f. 341-343	American Federation of Government Employees	1936-1937
b. 16, f. 344	Miscellaneous	1936
b. 16, f. 345	League for Industrial Democracy	circa 1936
b. 16, f. 346	"Philosophy of Values"	1931
b. 16, f. 347	New School Legal Notes	1931-1932
b. 16, f. 348	Labor Legislation - General	1936-1937
b. 16, f. 349	Labor, The Constitution and the Courts	1936
b. 16, f. 350	Social Control of Capital	undated
b. 16, f. 351	Conference on Methods in Philosophy of the Sciences	undated
b. 16, f. 352	"Ethics and Morals of Our Foreign Policy"	1951
<i>The Legal Conscience (1960)</i>		
b. 16, f. 353	Correspondence and typescripts	1959
b. 16, f. 354	Correspondence	1959
b. 16, f. 355-357	Source Material	circa 1960
b. 16, f. 358-363	Source Material, I. Law and Ethics	circa 1960
b. 16, f. 364-367	Source Material, II. The Indian's Quest for Justice	circa 1960
b. 17, f. 368-375	Source Material, III. Studies in the Philosophy of American Democracy	circa 1960
b. 17, f. 376	Editor's note and source material	circa 1960
b. 17, f. 377	"The Aesthetic and Metaphysical Bases of the Conflict of Laws"	circa 1960
b. 17, f. 378	Flyer for book	1960
Writings by others		
b. 17, f. 379-380	Writings by others	undated
Printed Material		
b. 17, f. 381-384	Writings by Felix S. Cohen	circa 1930-1950
b. 17, f. 385	"Felix S. Cohen: A Fighter for Justice"	1956
b. 17, f. 386	A Jurisprudential Symposium in Memory of Felix S. Cohen, <i>Rutgers Law Review</i>	1954

Series IV. Organizational Affiliations

7 linear feet (7 boxes)

The Organization Affiliations series consists of material stemming from Cohen's participation and involvement with various social, political, and professional organizations. In particular, there are extensive files relating to Cohen's activities with the Socialist Party and the National Lawyer's Guild.

The Organization Affiliations series is arranged into two subseries: Social and Political Organizations, and Legal Organizations.

Social and Political Organizations 1927-1948

This subseries largely consists of files relating to Cohen's involvement with the Socialist Party during the 1930s. Also found are files relating to his activities with the League for Industrial Democracy, the Alumni Committee on Academic Freedom at City College, the American Civil Liberties Union, and other social and political organizations. The files contain memoranda, correspondence, notes, report, minutes, publications, and other printed material.

Files are arranged by organization with printed material arranged at the end.

b. 18, f. 387-406	Socialist Party	1927-1945
b. 19, f. 407-411	Socialist Party	1927-1945
b. 19, f. 412-420	League for Industrial Democracy	1934-1954
b. 19, f. 421-422	Committee on Militarism in Education	1932-1940
b. 19, f. 423-424	Alumni Committee on Academic Freedom, City College	1932-1933
b. 19, f. 425-426	Continental Congress of Workers and Farmers	1933
b. 20, f. 427	American Labor Associates	1931-1933
b. 20, f. 428	Corporate Research	undated
b. 20, f. 429	American Civil Liberties Union	1933-1938
b. 20, f. 430	Social Science Research Council, Report	undated
b. 20, f. 431	Industrial Research Group	1934
b. 20, f. 432	American Guardian	1935-1939
b. 20, f. 433	Miscellaneous Organizations and Lists	1935-1941
b. 20, f. 434-438	Washington Activities	1934-1935
b. 20, f. 439	Sharecroppers Relief Fund	1935
b. 20, f. 440-441	People's Lobby	1934-1936
b. 20, f. 442-443	American Foundation for Abundance	1939
b. 20, f. 444-446	Conference on Jewish Relations	1938-1946
b. 20, f. 447	Friends of Democracy	1940-1944
b. 20, f. 448	Consultative Council of Jewish Organizations	1948

Social and Political Organizations (continued)

b. 20, f. 449-456	Printed Material	undated
b. 21, f. 457-465	Printed Material	undated
	Legal Organizations	1936-1943
	This subseries consists of files relating primarily to Cohen's activities with the National Lawyers Guild, where he served on the International Law Committee and National Executive Committee, as well as some files relating to his work the Intitute of Living Law. The files contain reports, memoranda, correspondence, background material, publications, and other printed material.	
	More extensive documentation of Cohen's activities with the Institute of Living Law can found in the Felix S. Cohen Papers, WA MSS S-1325.	
	Files within the Legal Organizations subseries are arranged into two groupings: National Lawyers Guild and Institute of Living Law.	
	National Lawyers Guild	
	Files are arranged in no particular order.	
b. 21, f. 466	National Lawyers Guild	1938-1939
b. 21, f. 467-470	International Law Committee	1938-1939
b. 21, f. 471	Publications regarding international affairs	1936, 1938
b. 21, f. 472	"Current I. L. Committee Work"	1938
b. 21, f. 473	"Current I. L. Committee Work"	1939
b. 21, f. 474-475	D. C. Chapter	1937-1939
b. 22, f. 476	"Miscellaneous Guild Matters"	1937
b. 22, f. 477-479	Quarterly and Newsletter	1937-1939
b. 22, f. 480	"F. S. C. Personal File"	1939
b. 22, f. 481	Munitions Material	1937-1938
b. 22, f. 482-483	Publicity Referendum	1938-1939
b. 22, f. 484	Correspondence regarding Spain and D. C.	1937-1938
b. 22, f. 485-486	"F. S. C. Personal Correspondence"	1937-1939
b. 22, f. 487	Comments on Spanish Report	1937-1938
b. 22, f. 488	Membership	1938-1939
b. 22, f. 489	Referendum Results	1938
b. 22, f. 490	Law Students	1937-1940
b. 22, f. 491	Securities and Exchange Commission	1937
b. 22, f. 492	Anti-War Treaties and Neutrality Legislation	1938
b. 22, f. 493	Neutrality	circa 1939

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b. 22, f. 494	Collective Security	1938
b. 22, f. 495	Neutrality Legislation	1939
b. 22, f. 496	National Executive Committee Minutes	1939
b. 23, f. 497	Past Committee Reports	1937-1939
b. 23, f. 498	International Law Committee	1937-1938
b. 23, f. 499	"Lawyers Guild - Letter of Resignation, etc."	1940
b. 23, f. 500	National Labor Relations Board	1940
b. 23, f. 501	Institute	1943
b. 23, f. 502	Guild Constituion, etc.	1939
b. 23, f. 503	Miscellaneous	circa 1939
b. 23, f. 504-505	German Report and Supporting Documents	1937-1938
b. 23, f. 506-507	Legal Reports	1938-1939
b. 23, f. 508	Anti-War Treaties Report	1938
b. 23, f. 509	Department of State Reports	1938-1939
b. 23, f. 510	Comments on Munitions Report	1938
b. 23, f. 511	"Guild (Pecord Resolution)"	1939-1940
b. 23, f. 512	Neutrality Report	circa 1939
b. 23, f. 513	Far Eastern Report	circa 1939
b. 23, f. 514	Palestine Report	circa 1939
b. 23, f. 515	Report Correspondence	1937
b. 23, f. 516	Correspondence	1937
b. 23, f. 517-519	Munitions Report	1938
b. 24, f. 520	Copies of various reports	1938-1939
b. 24, f. 521	Resolutions	1939
b. 24, f. 522-526	"Rus-Fin Res"	1939-1940
b. 24, f. 527	German Report, Editorial Corrections	1938
b. 24, f. 528-530	National Committee Reports	1939
b. 24, f. 531-532	Minutes, Membership Reports, etc.	1937-1939
b. 24, f. 533-534	Referendum	1938
b. 24, f. 535-540	Institute of Living Law	1941-1943

Series V. Personal Papers*4.21 linear feet (5 boxes)*

The Personal Papers series consists of Cohen's student papers, family scrapbooks, photographs, reel-to-reel tapes, other papers, and some papers of Lucy Kramer Cohen, documenting more personal aspects of Cohen's life.

Material is arranged largely by format.

Student Papers

Arranged in rough chronological order

b. 25, f. 541-542	English 4-C Composition Books	circa 1920
b. 25, f. 543	Spanish Lessons	circa 1920
b. 25, f. 544-549	City College	1925
b. 25, f. 550	City College	1926
b. 25, f. 551-552	Clippings	1925-1926
b. 25, f. 553	College Essay on Labor History	1927
b. 25, f. 554-555	Miscellaneous school papers	1925-1927
b. 25, f. 556	Campus and Military Science	circa 1927
b. 25, f. 557	H. S. Math Exam	1930
b. 25, f. 558	Fraternity	1930
b. 25, f. 559-560	Law School Notebooks	circa 1930
b. 26, f. 561-568	Law School Notebooks	circa 1930
b. 26, f. 569-570	Law School Texts	circa 1930
b. 26, f. 571-590	Photographs	undated
b. 27, f. 591	Family Scrapbooks See also Family Scrapbook (from Series V)	undated
b. 27, f. 592	Letters, Photographs	undated
b. 27, f. 593	Wedding telegrams	1931
b. 27, f. 594	Letters	undated
b. 27, f. 595	Resorts	undated
b. 27, f. 596	Hedonist Hymnbook	undated
b. 27, f. 597	Capitol City Forum	undated
b. 27, f. 598	Clippings from Yiddish newspapers	undated
b. 27, f. 599	Clipping, Article on Felix S. Cohen in City College Campus Paper	1949

b. 27, f. 600	Draft of Resignation Letter from Solicitor's Office and Clipping	circa 1948
b. 27, f. 601	Birth certificate of Karen Cohen (copy)	undated
b. 27, f. 602	Death certificate of Felix S. Cohen (copy)	undated
b. 27, f. 603-605	Maps and pamphlets	undated
b. 27, f. 606-613	Other Papers	undated
b. 27, f. 614-616	Felix S. Cohen Fund Committee	1954
b. 28, f. 617-634	Lucy Kramer Cohen Papers	undated
	Reel-to-reel tapes Reference copies are available and filed in the folders.	
b. 29, f. 635	Felix S. Cohen Service, Washington, D.C. <i>1 Audiotape Reel;</i>	1953 October 21
b. 29, f. 636	Memorial Meeting for Felix S. Cohen	1953 December 4
b. 29, f. 637	"Truman CCNX"	undated

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Restricted fragile material. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.

b. 31, IIIII 39002099368566	Felix S. Cohen Service, Washington, D.C. <i>1 Audiotape Reel; 1/4 inch; diameter 7 inches</i> duration: 00:22:48 A high amount of hum and high background noise can be heard on the audiotape reel. The program is distorted at times.	1953 October 21
b. 31, IIIII 39002099368574	Memorial Meeting for Felix S. Cohen <i>1 Audiotape Reel; 1/4 inch; diameter 7 inches</i> duration: 00:32:47	1953 December 4
b. 31, IIIII 39002099368582	"Truman CCNX" <i>1 Audiotape Reel; 1/4 inch; diameter 5 inches</i> duration: 00:03:29 The program ends abruptly.	undated

Selected Search Terms

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Preferred Titles

Ethical systems and legal ideals : an essay on
the foundations of legal criticism
Handbook of Federal Indian Law
The legal conscience, selected papers

Subjects

Indians of North America -- Government
relations -- 1934-
Indians of North America -- Legal status, laws,
etc.
Lawyers -- United States
Suffrage -- United States

Genres / Formats

Audiovisual materials
Sound recordings

Names

Austen, Harry -- Trials, litigation, etc.
Cohen, Felix S., 1907-1953
Cohen, Lucy Kramer, 1907-2007
Garley, Eloy -- Trials, litigation, etc.
Harrison, Frank -- Trials, litigation, etc.
Laveen, Roger G. -- Trials, litigation, etc.
Trujillo, Miguel N. -- Trials, litigation, etc.

Corporate Bodies

Institute of Living Law
League for Industrial Democracy
National Lawyers Guild
Socialist Party (U.S.)
United States. Department of the Interior
United States. Office of Indian Affairs