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Collection Summary

Title: Gerhard Alden Gesell Papers

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Creator: Gesell, Gerhard Alden, 1910-1993

Extent: 69,000 items

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Summary: Judge and lawyer. Correspondence, memoranda, manuscripts of writings, speeches, agenda and minutes of meetings, opinions, orders, dockets, notes, sentencing information, case files, and other legal papers and material pertaining primarily to Gesell's career as judge of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia and documenting his cases in the areas of civil rights, constitutional law, antitrust matters, patent cases, and government regulations.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People

Acheson, Dean, 1893-1971--Correspondence.

Bancroft, Harding F. (Harding Foster), 1910-1992--Correspondence.

Bratton, Howard C. (Howard Calvin), 1922-1964--Correspondence.

Burger, Warren E., 1907-1995--Correspondence.

Cox, Archibald, 1912-2004.

Fitzpatrick, Joseph M. (Joseph Mark) 1925-2011--Correspondence.

Gesell, Gerhard Alden, 1910-1993.

Harlan, John M. (John Marshall), 1899-1971--Correspondence.

Humphrey, Hubert H. (Hubert Horatio), 1911-1978--Correspondence.

Johnson, Lyndon B. (Lyndon Baines), 1908-1973--Correspondence.

Kaufman, Irving R. (Irving Robert), 1910-1992--Correspondence.

Lumbard, J. Edward (Joseph Edward), 1901-1999--Correspondence.

North, Oliver.

O'Brian, John Lord, 1874-1973--Correspondence.

Remington, Frank J., 1922-1996--Correspondence.

Sirica, John J.--Correspondence.

Stewart, Potter, 1915-1985--Correspondence.

Walsh, Lawrence E.--Correspondence.

Warren, Earl, 1891-1974--Correspondence.

Whitney, Richard, 1888-1974.

Wilson, Frank M.--Correspondence.

Organizations

Covington & Burling.

Democratic Party (U.S.)

New York Stock Exchange.

United States. Congress. Joint Committee on the Investigation of the Pearl Harbor Attack.

United States. Congress. Temporary National Economic Committee.

United States. Constitution.

United States. Court of Appeals (District of Columbia Circuit)

United States. District Court (District of Columbia)

United States. President's Committee on Equal Opportunity in the Armed Forces.

United States. Securities and Exchange Commission.

Subjects

Abortion--Law and legislation.

Administrative law.

Antitrust law.

Civil rights.

Constitutional amendments--United States.

Constitutional law.

Crime.

Demography--Washington (D.C.)

Families.

Farms--Virginia--Loudon County.

Iran-Contra Affair, 1985-1990.

Justice, Administration of.

Life insurance--United States.

Patent laws and legislation.

Pearl Harbor (Hawaii), Attack on, 1941.

Practice of law--Washington (D.C.)

Presidents--United States--Election--1956.

Presidents--United States--Election--1960.

Presidents--United States--Election--1964.

Race relations.

Riots--Washington (D.C.)

Securities fraud--United States.

Watergate Affair, 1972-1974.

World War, 1939-1945--Japan.

Places

United States--Armed Forces--African Americans.

United States--Politics and government--1945-1989.

Washington (D.C.)--Economic conditions.

Titles

Pentagon Papers.

Occupations

Judges.

Lawyers.

Acquisition Information

The papers of Gerhard Alden Gesell, lawyer and judge, were given to the Library of Congress by Gesell in 1991. Several additions were sent to the Library between that time and 2014.

Processing History

The papers of Gerhard Alden Gesell were arranged and described by Connie L. Cartledge with the assistance of John R. Monagle in 1993. The finding aid was revised in 2003. Additional material received in 1999 and 2014 was processed as an addition by Connie L. Cartledge with the assistance of Jake Bozza and Rosa Hernandez in 2018.

Transfers

Items have been transferred from the Manuscript Division to other custodial divisions of the Library. Video recordings have been transferred to the Motion Picture, Broadcasting, and Recorded Sound Division. Thirteen original drawings of political cartoons have been transferred to the Prints and Photographs Division. All transfers are identified in these divisions as part of the Gerhard Alden Gesell Papers.

Other Repositories

Other papers of Gerhard Alden Gesell can be found in the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, Boston, Mass.

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Biographical Note

Date	Event
1910, 16 June	Born, Los Angeles, Calif.
1932	A.B., Yale University, New Haven, Conn.
1935	LL.B., Yale University, New Haven, Conn.
1935-1941	Attorney, Securities and Exchange Commission
1936	Married Marion Holliday Pike
1941-1967	Member, law firm of Covington & Burling, Washington, D.C.
1945-1946	Chief assistant counsel, Joint Committee on the Investigation of the Pearl Harbor Attack
1962-1964	Chairman, President's Committee on Equal Opportunity in the Armed Forces
1968-1993	Judge, United States District Court for the District of Columbia
1976-1981	Member, District of Columbia Judicial Tenure and Disability Commission
1993, 19 Feb.	Died, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Gerhard Alden Gesell (1910-1993) span the years 1913-2003, with the majority of the papers concentrated from 1962-1992. Documenting primarily Gesell's career as judge of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia and his career as a lawyer, the papers consist of eleven series: General Correspondence, Chronological File, Case File, Bench Books, Dockets, Sentencing File, Office File, Miscellany, 2018 Addition, Classified, and Oversize.

The General Correspondence series, 1968-1992, consisting chiefly of incoming letters from the public, pertains primarily to Gesell's Watergate cases, *United States v. Ehrlichman* and *United States v. Chapin*. In addition, there is correspondence relating to other cases of national and constitutional significance such as *United States v. Washington Post Company* (Pentagon Papers case) and *United States v. Vuitch* (legality of abortions in the District of Columbia). Also included are a few letters from friends, lawyers, and judges relating to Gesell's professional activities.

Because of its location in the nation's capital and its jurisdiction over cases involving federal agencies, the United States District Court for the District of Columbia is considered one of the most important venues in the country. Papers in the Chronological File, 1968-1993, reflect the wide range of civil and criminal cases Gesell heard as a district judge for this court: civil rights, constitutional law, antitrust matters, patent cases, and government regulations. This series consists of correspondence and memoranda, primarily between Gesell and judges, lawyers, prison officials, clerks, and staff, as well as an array of extensive legal papers such as opinions, orders, stipulations, and reports. Arranged by Gesell's staff, papers in the Chronological File relating to individual cases are scattered throughout the series rather than assembled in specific case files and provide some sense of the judge's day-to-day work. Although there is some overlap between the Case File series and this series, the Case File contains papers that are not included in the Chronological File. Also included are a few personal letters and notes, particularly concerning his farm near Arcola, Virginia. The docket sheets in the Dockets series may assist readers in locating specific documents of interest in the Chronological File, as they contain dated entries by the judge's staff documenting many details of each case. In order to use the docket sheets, a reader must know the document number for a case or know the year the case first appeared on the docket and search the docket sheets to locate it.

The <u>Case File</u>, 1956-1991, consists of two subseries: <u>General</u> and <u>Special Case</u> files. This series, also arranged by Gesell's staff, chronicles his rulings in some of his most significant and complex cases. The General subseries, 1956-1990, containing chiefly memoranda and orders, documents a wide range of civil, criminal, and miscellaneous cases. Arrangement is alphabetical by type of case and therein alphabetical by case title. This subseries includes papers pertaining to the riots at local universities in 1969 (*George Washington Univ. v. Mann* and *Howard Univ. v. Abel*), the riots in Washington, D.C., in 1969 (criminal riot cases), and the application of broadcasters for access to the Watergate tapes in order to air them for public broadcast (*United States v. Mitchell*). The General File is not as complete as the Special Case File and should be used in conjunction with the Chronological File.

The Special Case File, 1969-1991, contains individual cases which were maintained in case files rather than in the Chronological File or General case file. Many of the cases pertain to issues of national and constitutional significance, such as a variety of First Amendment cases (*Hentoff v. Ichord* and *United States v. Washington Post Co.*; the legality of abortions in the District of Columbia prior to the Supreme Court decision of *Roe v. Wade* (*United States v. Vuitch*); the firing of Watergate special prosecutor Archibald Cox (*Nader v. Bork*); the break-in at the Democratic National Committee headquarters in the Watergate complex (*United States v. Ehrlichman*); and Oliver L. North's role in the congressional investigation of the Iran-Contra Affair (*United States v. North*). The *United States v. North* files comprise the bulk of the Special Case File and include correspondence, memoranda, orders, transcripts, dockets, and press files. Two items pertaining to the North case are worthy of mention: a diary in which Gesell recorded notes at home at the close of the day and a letter from Gesell to Lawrence E. Walsh, head of the Office of Independent Counsel that investigated the Iran-Contra Affair, of 20 September 1991 that complimented Walsh on the way he and his staff had conducted themselves during the trial. Located in the folder "Correspondence: General, Feb. 1990-Oct. 1991," this letter is an attachment to a 24 September 1991 letter from Walsh to Gesell.

The <u>Bench Books</u> series, 1968-1993, contains Gesell's notes about the cases which came before his court. Arrangement is chronological, except for three volumes that are alphabetical by topic or case title. Dates written by Gesell's staff on the cover of the bench books are not always accurate.

Papers in the <u>Dockets</u> series, 1959-1992, provide a record of the name and docket number of individual cases. Also included are brief notes by the judge's staff recording many of the legal documents issued and filed. Arrangement is

alphabetical by type of case, civil or criminal, and therein chronological by year. The Dockets series may assist readers in locating entries to specific cases, particularly the chronological file and the bench books.

The Sentencing File, 1968-1992, constituting almost half the collection, includes correspondence, memoranda, presentence reports, orders and other papers relating to the sentencing process of Gesell's criminal cases. A presentence report was prepared by a probation officer to assist the judge in determining a defendant's sentence. It generally contains information on the offense, the defendant's prior criminal record, family history, marital status, education, employment, health, military service, and financial condition, and an evaluation and recommendation by the probation officer. Serving as a record of every person sentenced by Gesell, the file reflects the vast economic and demographic changes in the District of Columbia over a twenty-year period and contains valuable social data about families, crime, the judicial system, and race relations. Papers in the presentencing file are arranged into three chronological sequences, 1968-1979, 1980-1989, and 1990-1992. The earlier sequences contain more extensive background information, while the later files indicate the judgment and terms of the sentence. Also included in this series are two card files arranged by defendant's name, one recording the sentences and the other indicating the cases in which charges were dropped or the defendant was found not guilty.

The Office File series, 1965-1993, relates to Gesell's administrative and professional duties as a district judge. The majority of the papers chronicle his activities with various committees and his sitting by designation with the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

The final series, <u>Miscellany</u>, 1945-1993, includes speeches and writings by Gesell, reminiscences written by his law clerks, photographs and political cartoons, and tributes to Gesell after his death. One of the more important items in this series is a notebook containing Gesell's memoirs, "My Jealous Mistress," and background memoranda about significant cases and events.

The 2018 Addition, 1913 to 2003, complements the initial portion of the collection and includes material relating to Gesell's career as a lawyer with the firm of Covington & Burling in Washington, D.C., his work with the Securities and Exchange Commission, his tenure as a federal judge, his work with government committees and presidential campaigns, and his management of his farm in Loudon County, Va. Most of the correspondence relates to Gesell's work as an attorney for Covington & Burling from 1941 to 1967. Correspondence after 1967 pertains mainly to Gesell's judicial career. The early correspondence also documents Gesell's personal activities and includes correspondence with family and friends with references to current events and local issues relating to the District of Columbia. Other material chronicling Gesell's tenure as a lawyer in private practice is located in the Covington & Burling files.

Featured in the 2018 Addition are files, chiefly newspaper clippings, relating to his tenure with the Securities and Exchange Commission. While with the Commission, he investigated the New York Stock Exchange arising out of the Richard Whitney scandals and was responsible for investigations into the life insurance industry as special counsel to the Temporary National Economic Committee. Also present are files relating to Gesell's judicial career, chiefly press articles and a trial transcript summary pertaining to *United States v. North*.

The <u>2018 Addition</u> also contains a few files relating to Gesell's work for the Joint Committee on the Investigation of the Pearl Harbor Attack and the President's Committee on Equal Opportunity in the Armed Services. A letter in the Armed Services committee's file indicated that Gesell had donated most of his files about it to the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum.

Material of a more personal nature in the 2018 Addition are financial ledgers and papers documenting Gesell's personal finances, farm ledgers and other files pertaining to Gesell's cattle farm, and political files documenting his work for the Democratic Party in the presidential campaigns of 1956, 1960, and 1964. Also featured are writings by Gesell containing other versions of his memoir, "My Jealous Mistress" and condolence letters to Gesell's wife from judges, lawyers, government officials, the public, and friends after Gesell's death in 1993.

Among the most significant and frequent of Gesell's correspondents are Dean Acheson, Harding F. Bancroft, Howard C. Bratton, Warren E. Burger, Joseph M. Fitzpatrick, John M. Harlan, Hubert H. Humphrey, Lyndon B. Johnson, Irving R. Kaufman, J. Edward Lumbard, John Lord O'Brian, Frank T. Remington, John J. Sirica, Potter Stewart, Lawrence E. Walsh, Earl Warren, and Frank W. Wilson.

Organization of the Papers

The collection is arranged in eleven series:

- General Correspondence, 1968-1992
- Chronological File, 1968-1993
- Case File, 1956-1991
- Bench Books, 1968-1993
- Dockets, 1959-1992
- Sentencing File, 1968-1992
- Office File, 1965-1993
- <u>Miscellany</u>, 1945-1993
- <u>2018 Addition, 1913-2003</u>
- <u>Classified</u>, 1968-1979
- Oversize, 1941-1990

Description of Series

Container Series

BOX 1-5 <u>General Correspondence</u>, 1968-1992

Correspondence, primarily incoming, between Gesell and lawyers, judges, friends, acquaintances, and the general public relating to his activities as a federal district court judge.

Arrangement is chronological.

BOX 5-44 Chronological File, 1968-1993

Correspondence, memoranda, orders, opinions, interrogatories, stipulations, reports, schedule sheets, and other legal papers pertaining to Gesell's professional activities.

Arrangement is chronological.

BOX 44-69 Case File, 1956-1991

BOX 44-48 General, 1956-1990

Correspondence, memoranda, orders, briefs, transcripts, notes, and printed matter for civil, criminal, and miscellaneous cases.

Arrangement is alphabetical by type of case and therein alphabetical by case title.

BOX 49-69 Special Case File, 1969-1991

Correspondence, memoranda, opinions, orders, stipulations, transcripts, dockets, background information, notes, lists, a diary, and printed matter.

Arrangement is alphabetical by case title.

BOX 70-77 Bench Books, 1968-1993

Bound volumes containing Gesell's notes about the cases that came before his court.

Arrangement is chronological, except for three volumes that are alphabetical by topic or case title.

BOX 77-89 Dockets, 1959-1992

Docket sheets for civil and criminal cases.

Arrangement is alphabetical by type of case, then chronological by year, and therein numerical by docket number.

Sentencing File, 1968-1992

Correspondence, memoranda, presentence reports, orders, card files, and related sentencing information for Gesell's criminal cases.

Arrangement is alphabetical by type of material or topic and therein alphabetical by name of defendant, except the presentencing file which is arranged chronologically and therein alphabetically by name of defendant.

BOX 158-170 Office File, 1965-1993

Correspondence, memoranda, reports, background information, agendas and minutes of meetings, notes, press files, and printed matter.

BOX 170-171 Miscellany, 1945-1993

Chiefly speeches and writings by Gesell and his clerks. Also included are slides, photographs, political cartoons, and tributes to Gesell after his death.

Arrangement is alphabetical by topic or type of material.

BOX 172 2018 Addition, 1913-2003

Correspondence, memoranda, case files, family papers, financial papers and ledgers, farm ledgers, reports, maps, speeches and speech material, writings, college class papers, memorials and tributes, certificates, newspaper clippings, printed matter, and other material.

Arranged alphabetically by name or organization, topic, or type of material.

BOX CL 1 **Classified**, 1968-1979

Government classified documents containing sensitive security information.

Presentencing material organized and described according to the series, boxes, and folders from which the items were removed.

BOX OV 1 Oversize, 1941-1990

Oversize certificates relating to Gesell's professional career.

Arranged and described according to the series, containers, and folders from which the items were removed.

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вох 1-5	General Correspondence, 1968-1992
	Correspondence, primarily incoming, between Gesell and lawyers, judges, friends, acquaintances, and the general public relating to his activities as a federal district court judge.
	Arrangement is chronological.
BOX 1	1968-1973
	(5 folders)
	1974
	JanApr.
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BOX 2	May-June
	(8 folders)
BOX 3	June-July
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	(2 folders)
BOX 5	1976-1992, undated
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	Correspondence, memoranda, orders, opinions, interrogatories, stipulations, reports, schedule sheets, and other legal papers pertaining to Gesell's professional activities.
	Arrangement is chronological.
вох 5	1968-1969
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BOX 10	June-Dec.
	(6 folders)
	1977
	JanMar.
	(3 folders)
BOX 11	AprDec.
	(8 folders)
BOX 12	1978
	JanSept.
nov 12	(8 folders)
BOX 13	OctDec.
	(3 folders) 1979
	JanApr.
	(4 folders)
BOX 14	May-Dec.
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BOX 15	1980
	JanAug.
	(7 folders)
BOX 16	SeptDec.
	(4 folders)
	1981
	JanMar.
	(3 folders)
BOX 17	AprDec.
	(8 folders)
BOX 18	1982
	JanJuly
	(7 folders)
BOX 19	AugDec.
	(4 folders)
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	JanMar.
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	Oct.
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BOX 25	16-31
	NovDec.
	(2 folders)
	1986
	JanMar.
	(3 folders)
BOX 26	AprSept.
	(6 folders)
BOX 27	OctDec.
	(3 folders)
	1987 JanFeb.
	(3 folders)
	Mar.
	2-16
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	AprJune
	(5 folders)
	July
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BOX 29	20-31
	AugDec.
	(4 folders)
	1988
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nov 21	(6 folders)
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	(5 folders)
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	1991
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BOX 38	16-31
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	(6 folders)
BOX 39	May-Sept.
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BOX 40	OctDec.
	(5 folders)
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	(2 folders)
BOX 41	FebApr.
	(6 folders)
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	(6 folders)
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BOX 44-69	Case File, 1956-1991

BOX 44-48 General, 1956-1990 Correspondence, memoranda, orders, briefs, transcripts, notes, and printed matter for civil, criminal, and miscellaneous cases. Arrangement is alphabetical by type of case and therein alphabetical by case title. Civil **BOX 44** Anderson v. Nixon, 1977-1978, undated "A" miscellany, 1968-1985 Bension v. Meredith, 1978-1980 Blankenship v. Boyle, 1971-1973 "B" miscellany, 1968-1984 Copeland v. Dunlop, 1975-1976 "C" miscellany, 1968-1978, undated Douglas v. First Nat'l Realty Corp., 1971-1978 "D-E" miscellany, 1968-1985 (2 folders) Fitzgerald v. Butterfield 1974-1979 **BOX** 45 1980-1983 "F" miscellany, 1975-1985 George Washington Univ. v. Mann (student riot cases), 1969 "G" miscellany, 1976, 1985 Hastings v. Judicial Conference of the United States General, 1979-1986 Research, 1979-1984 (2 folders) Howard Univ. v. Abel (student riot cases), 1969 "H" miscellany, 1970-1990 **BOX** 46 "J" miscellany, 1971, 1985 Lucasfilm Ltd. v. High Frontier (Star Wars trademark), 1985 "L" miscellany, 1970-1985 Mayberry v. Luongo, 1975 Mississippi v. United States, 1982-1983 "M-O" miscellany, 1969-1985, undated (3 folders) Proxmire v. Lockheed Aircraft Corp., 1974-1975 Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe v. Morton, 1971-1983 "P-T" miscellany, 1968-1990 (4 folders) United States v. Bonino, 1978, undated United States v. Cohen, 1973-1976 "U" miscellany, 1971, 1983-1985 **BOX 47** Washington Metro. Area Transit Auth. v. Twelve Parcels of Land, 1956, 1963, 1972-1974 (4 folders) Washington Post Co. v. Kleindienst, 1972-1974 (2 folders) "W" miscellany, 1977-1986

Criminal

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BOX 48 Riot cases, 1966-1968, undated <u>See also Container 76, same heading</u>

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United States v. Dessaso <u>See same container</u>, <u>United States v. Ford</u>

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United States v. Haile See same container, United States v. Ford

United States v. Haywood See same container, Riot cases

United States v. Jeffries See same container, Riot cases

United States v. Kinnard, 1968-1969

United States v. Kuch, 1968-1972, 1984, undated

United States v. Lara, 1972-1974

United States v. Marks, 1974-1975, undated

United States v. Proctor, 1971-1972, undated

United States v. Smith See same container, United States v. Ford

United States v. Thornton See same container, Riot cases

Miscellaneous

In re Rosen, 1978

United States v. Mitchell, 1974-1975

BOX 49-69 Special Case File, 1969-1991

Correspondence, memoranda, opinions, orders, stipulations, transcripts, dockets, background information, notes, lists, a diary, and printed matter.

Arrangement is alphabetical by case title.

BOX 49 American Academy of Pediatrics v. Heckler

Correspondence, 1983

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(2 folders)

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                               Nader v. Bork, undated
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Appendix: Legal Abbreviations

Legal term Abbreviation Administrat [ive, ion] Admin. Administrat [or, rix] Adm'[r,x] Agriculture Agric. America [n] Am. Associate Assoc. Association Ass'n Atlantic Atl. Authority Auth. Automobile Auto. Avenue Ave. Board Bd. Brotherhood Bhd. **Brothers** Bros. Building Bldg. Central Cent. Chemical Chem. Commission Comm'n Commissioner Comm'r Committee Comm. Company Co. Consol. Consolidated Construction Constr. Cooperative Coop. Corporation Corp. Department Dep't Development Dev. Distribut [or, ing] Distrib. District Dist. Division Div. East [ern] E. Educ. Education [al] Elec. Electric [al, ity] Electronic Elec. Engineer Eng'r Engineering Eng'g Enterprise Enter. Environment Env't Environmental Envtl. Equipment Equip. Exchange Exch. Execut [or, rix] Ex'[r,x] Federal Fed. Federation Fed'n Financ [e, ial, ing] Fin. Found. Foundation General Gen. Government Gov't

Legal term Abbreviation

Guaranty Guar. Hospital Hosp. Housing Hous. Incorporate Inc. Indemnity Indem. Independent Indep. Industr [y, ies, ial] Indus. Institut [e, ion] Inst. Insurance Ins. International Int'l Investment Inv. Liability Liab. Limited Ltd. Litigation Litig. Machine [ry] Mach. Mfr. Manufacturer Manufacturing Mfg. Market Mkt. Marketing Mktg. Metropolitan Metro. Municipal Mun. Mutual Mut. National Nat'l North [ern] N. Organiz [ation, ing] Org. Pacific Pac. Product [ion] Prod. **Public** Pub. Railroad R.R. Railway Ry. Refining Ref. Road Rd. Savings Sav. Securit [y, ies] Sec. Service Serv. Society Soc'y South [ern] S. Steamship [s] S.S. Street St. Surety Sur. Sys. System [s] Tele [phone, graph] Tel. Transport [ation] Transp. University Univ. Util. Utility West [ern] W.