

# Babalas, Peter Kostas

Peter Kostas Babalas Papers

1943-1979, undated

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### Abstract

Represented the 5th District in the Virginia State Senate from 1967-1987. Collection primarily relates to his service in the State Senate from 1972-1979.

### Creator

Babalas, Peter K. (1922-1987)

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0.80 Linear Feet

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2 Hollinger document cases boxes

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# Biographical or Historical Information

Peter Kostas Babalas, son of Kostas Babalas and Katherine B., was born July 8, 1922, in Boston, MA and grew up in Cambridge, MA. He attended a vocational high school and went on to receive an A.B. degree in economics from Harvard College in 1945. His college work was interrupted by service in the armed forces of the United States during World War II. In 1948 he married Lillie Macheras of Lexington. They became the parents of two daughters, Marcia A. and Karen E. He received an L.L.B. degree from the University of Virginia Law School in 1950 and began the practice of law in Norfolk, VA. In 1951, he opened the law firm of Peter K. Babalas & Assoc., PC. In the late 1960's, he left the firm to start a general private practice with his wife as his para-legal. Babalas' record of military service began in 1942. On September 8, 1942, he enlisted as an Aviation Cadet in the V-5 Program, US Naval Reserve, and served until March 5, 1943. Two weeks later he enlisted as a Private in the Army and was sent to the Anti-aircraft Military School, Camp Davis, NC, and served until January 26, 1944, during which period he became a First Lieutenant. The next day, January 27, 1944, he began service in the 423rd Infantry and was discharged on June 7, 1946. Recalled during the Korean Conflict, he served in the army from February 1951 to May 12, 1952. From that date he remained as a First Lieutenant in the US Army Reserve until April 1, 1953, when he was honorably discharged. His various commands included the European Theater of Operations where he received the ETO Medal with 4 Battle Stars. Babalas became a Virginia State Senator representing the 5th District Norfolk in 1967. He served the consolidated 5th, 6th, and 7th Senatorial Districts of Norfolk City and Virginia Beach City from 1968 until his death in 1987. He rose through the ranks of the state Democratic Party to become chairman of the powerful Senate Rules Committee. He was also a senior member of the Senate Finance Committee and thus a participant in the budget-writing process. His papers indicate that he also chaired the following committees: VALC Committee on Virginia Port Authority, Joint Subcommittee on Banking, and VALC Industrial Development and Revenue Bond Study. He is remembered in particular for his work in unifying the Hampton Roads ports and championing the causes of his constituents. He was also known throughout his political career, as well as in his personal life, as a scrapper. When Babalas returned to the General Assembly at its session on January 9, 1986, he was accused by the Senate Ethics Advisory Panel "of violating two sections of the conflict-of-interest law last year by casting votes that benefited one of his clients, Landbank Equity Corp." (quoting Atty. Gen. William G. Broaddus, Virginia-Pilot, January 9, 1986). In that same month he became the first member of the Virginia General Assembly to be censured by his colleagues for unethical conduct. After several months of study and deliberation, a news item appeared on August 15, 1986, stating that "State Senator Peter K. Babalas of Norfolk was acquitted the preceding Thursday [August 14, 1986], on charges that he violated the Virginia conflict-of-interest act, even though Circuit Judge Thomas N. Vance said Babalas had a personal interest at stake when he helped defeat a bill last year" (Virginian-Pilot). In addition to being a member of the Virginia State Senate, Babalas was also a member of numerous other organizations: Greek Orthodox Church, Saints and Sinners, Masonic Lodges to Shrine (Khedive), Elks, Civitan, Knights of Pythias, American Legion, Virginia Trial Lawyers Association, American Bar Association, Virginia Bar Association, and Norfolk-Portsmouth Bar Association. He died on December 29, 1987, in Virginia Beach, VA, after a near decade-long battle with myeloma.

Note written by Ellis E. O'Neal, Jr.

# Scope and Contents

The collection primarily covers legislative duties carried out by Virginia State Senator Peter Babalas. Included in the papers are copies of bill introduced, correspondence, news releases, news clippings, and studies that chiefly relate to banking legislation, the Industrial Development and Revenue Bond Act, Pari-Mutuel Betting, and studies concerning the port of Hampton Roads. Other materials include speeches made during his campaign for the State Senate in 1965, as well as his military discharge papers.

## Keywords

World War, 1939-1945--Veterans  
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## Description of Subordinate Components

### Series I: Legislative Files

**Unit ID** Series I

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/5820

**Unit Date** 1972-1979, undated

#### Box 1

**Unit ID** Box 1

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/5824

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

#### Folder 1: Independent Bankers Association. House Bill No. 1285

**Unit ID** Folder 1

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/5825

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

#### Preferred Citation

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 1, Independent Bankers Association. House Bill No. 1285, undated, Peter Kostas Babalas Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

#### Folder 2: Branch Banking Bill. House Bill No. 1285

**Unit ID** Folder 2

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/5830

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

#### Preferred Citation

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 2, Branch Banking Bill. House Bill No. 1285, undated, Peter Kostas Babalas Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

#### Folder 3: Joint Subcommittee on Banking. House Bill No. 1285

**Unit ID** Folder 3

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/5834

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 3, Joint Subcommittee on Banking. House Bill No. 1285, undated, Peter Kostas Babalas Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 4: VALC (Virginia Advisory Legislative Council) Port Authority Study (Edited Version of Study)**

**Unit ID** Folder 4

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/5837

**Unit Date** 1977

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 4, VALC (Virginia Advisory Legislative Council) Port Authority Study (Edited Version of Study), 1977, Peter Kostas Babalas Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 5: VALC Port Authority Study--Miscellaneous Correspondence**

**Unit ID** Folder 5

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/5838

**Unit Date** 1977

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 5, VALC Port Authority Study--Miscellaneous Correspondence, 1977, Peter Kostas Babalas Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 6: VALC Port Authority Study--Newspaper Clippings**

**Unit ID** Folder 6

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/5840

**Unit Date** 1977

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 6 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 6, VALC Port Authority Study--Newspaper Clippings, 1977, Peter Kostas Babalas Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 7: VALC Port Authority Study--Speech by PKB (2 Copies)**

**Unit ID** Folder 7

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/5842

**Unit Date** 1977 February 7

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 7 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 7, VALC Port Authority Study--Speech by PKB (2 Copies), 1977 February 7, Peter Kostas Babalas Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 8: VALC Committee to Study Industrial Development and Revenue Bond Act. Senate Document No. 24**

**Unit ID** Folder 8

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/5843

**Unit Date** 1975

**Mixed Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 8 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 8, VALC Committee to Study Industrial Development and Revenue Bond Act. Senate Document No. 24, 1975, Peter Kostas Babalas Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Box 2**

**Unit ID** Box 2

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/5827

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Folder 1: Folder 1**

**Unit ID** Folder 1

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/5828

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 2, Folder 1, Folder 1, Peter Kostas Babalas Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**VALC Committee to Study Industrial Development and Revenue Bond Act. Correspondence**

**Unit ID** Item 1

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/5829

**Unit Date** 1977

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Preferred Citation**

VALC Committee to Study Industrial Development and Revenue Bond Act. Correspondence, 1977, Box 2, Folder 1, Folder 1, Peter Kostas Babalas Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Resume of Esson McKenzie Miller, Jr.**

**Unit ID** Item 2

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/5833

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Preferred Citation**

Resume of Esson McKenzie Miller, Jr., undated, Box 2, Folder 1, Folder 1, Peter Kostas Babalas Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 2: VALC Committee to Study Industrial Development and Revenue Bond Act. Reports and Correspondence**

**Unit ID** Folder 2

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/5831

**Unit Date** 1978

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 2, Folder 2, VALC Committee to Study Industrial Development and Revenue Bond Act. Reports and Correspondence, 1978, Peter Kostas Babalas Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Scope and Contents**

Includes court case of Theodore Peskopos.

**Folder 3: Final Report of VALC Committee to Study Industrial Development and Revenue Bond Act**

**Unit ID** Folder 3

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/5835

**Unit Date** 1979

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 2, Folder 3, Final Report of VALC Committee to Study Industrial Development and Revenue Bond Act, 1979, Peter Kostas Babalas Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 4: Internal Revenue Code. Sect. 103**

**Unit ID** Folder 4

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/5836

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 2, Folder 4, Internal Revenue Code. Sect. 103, undated, Peter Kostas Babalas Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 5: Pari-Mutuel Betting Study Commission, Pt. 1. H.D. #19**

**Unit ID** Folder 5

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/5839

**Unit Date** 1974

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 2, Folder 5, Pari-Mutuel Betting Study Commission, Pt. 1. H.D. #19, 1974, Peter Kostas Babalas Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

**Folder 6: Interim Report of Pari-Mutuel Betting Study Commission, Pt. 2. H.D. No. 21**

**Unit ID** Folder 6

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/5841

**Unit Date** 1972

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 6 (folder)

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 2, Folder 6, Interim Report of Pari-Mutuel Betting Study Commission, Pt. 2. H.D. No. 21, 1972, Peter Kostas Babalas Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

## **Series II: Personal Papers**

**Unit ID** Series II

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/5821

**Unit Date** 1943-1965, undated

### **Box 2**

**Unit ID** Box 2

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/5822

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

#### **Folder 7: Virginia State Senate Campus Speeches and Esten Corbell Jones Resume**

**Unit ID** Folder 7

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/5823

**Unit Date** 1965, undated

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 7 (folder)

##### **Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 2, Folder 7, Virginia State Senate Campus Speeches and Esten Corbell Jones Resume, 1965, undated, Peter Kostas Babalas Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

#### **Folder 8: Military Discharge Papers**

**Unit ID** Folder 8

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/5826

**Unit Date** 1943-1953

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 8 (folder)

##### **Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 2, Folder 8, Military Discharge Papers, 1943-1953, Peter Kostas Babalas Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

#### **Folder 9: Offering by Sea Terra Associates Regarding Purchase of M/V Arizona (Ex-Saratoga)**

**Unit ID** Folder 9

**Unit ID** /repositories/5/archival\_objects/5832

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)

**Container** 9 (folder)

##### **Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 2, Folder 9, Offering by Sea Terra Associates Regarding Purchase of M/V Arizona (Ex-Saratoga), undated, Peter Kostas Babalas Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.