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Unit ID

[Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID

/repositories/4/resources/1620

Unit Date

circa 1990 - 2024

Language

English

Extent

7.67 Linear Feet

Extent

.357901824 Gigabytes

Repository

Arthur J. Morris Law Library Special Collections

Administrative Information

Conditions Governing Access

There are no restrictions on access to the items in this collection.

Conditions Governing Use

Because of the nature of this collection, copyright status varies across the materials. Copyright is assumed to be held by the original creators of the content until it passes into the public domain.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

The Virginia Law Chapter donated most of the items in this collection to the University of Virginia's Arthur J. Morris Law Library at various dates. More information about the immediate source of acquisition of particular items is noted in other parts of this finding aid.

Biographical / Historical

On October 16, 1970, students at the University of Virginia founded the Virginia Law Chapter of the Black Law Students Association. The Chapter's initial and continuing goals are to recruit Black law students and faculty, open a candid forum between UVA Law's Black and non-Black students, assist underserved populations in the Charlottesville community, and facilitate inter-school communication between other BLSA chapters.

Scope and Contents

The administrative records, scrapbooks, websites, newsletters, and artifacts in this collection document the history of the Virginia Law Chapter of the Black Law Students Association (BLSA).

Related Materials

The Arthur J. Morris Law Library produced an online exhibit about the history of the Virginia Law Chapter of BLSA to commemorate the organization's 50th anniversary. Researchers can view the exhibit either online or at the Library.

Keywords

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Accruals

The Arthur J. Morris Law Library expects to add materials to this collection.

Description of Subordinate Components

Administrative records

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/248594

Unit Date 2017-2018

Conditions Governing Access

There are no restrictions on access to the items in this series

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Officers of the UVA chapter of BLSA donated and transferred the items in this series to the University of Virginia Law Library at various times noted in other parts of this finding aid.

Scope and Contents

This series contains some of the Virginia Law Chapter's administrative records. These may include meeting agendas and minutes, procedural documents, and other materials that document operations, planning, and decision-making in the organization.

Arrangement

The administrative records are arranged into sub-series by the date BLSA transferred them to the Arthur J. Morris Law Library.

2018 records transfer

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/248599

Unit Date 2017-2018

Mixed Materials [35007008628905] 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Scope and Contents

This is a small file of materials that includes an award, event flyer, a mission statement, an officer list, and officer photographs.

Scrapbooks, yearbooks, and picture books

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/248593

Unit Date 2000-2015

Conditions Governing Access

There are no restrictions on access to the materials in this series.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Members of the Virginia Law Chapter produced the scrapbooks, yearbooks, and picture books in this series and donated them to the Arthur J. Morris Law Library at different times.

Scope and Contents

This series consists of scrapbooks, yearbooks, and picture books that document the experiences and work of the Virginia Law Chapter. The content in these resources vary from year to year, but they generally include information about organization officers, photographs of chapter members, event photographs, and event announcements.

The Arthur J. Morris Law Library has digitized some of the print resources in this series.

Scrapbook

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/248600

Unit Date 2000-2001

Mixed Materials [35007008628913] 2 (box)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

The Virginia Law Chapter of BLSA donated this scrapbook to the Arthur J. Morris Law Library in 2018.

Scrapbook

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/248601

Unit Date 2001-2002

Mixed Materials [35007008628921] 3 (box)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

The Virginia Law Chapter of BLSA donated this scrapbook to the Arthur J. Morris Law Library in 2018.

Digital yearbook

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/248614

Unit Date 2001-2002

Digital Archival Object

UVA BLSA Digital Yearbook 2001-2002

Extent .215875584 Gigabytes

Immediate Source of Acquisition

These files came to the Arthur J. Morris Law Library on an optical disk found in a collection of design files produced by the University of Virginia Law School's Communications department. The Communications department transferred these design files to the Library in 2009. The original optical disk is part of the archival collection RG-32-314.

Scope and Contents

This is a directory that contains a collection of various digital files. Together, the files constitute a digital yearbook that documents the history of the University of Virginia's BLSA chapter in the 2001-2002 academic year.

Scrapbook

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/248602

Unit Date 2003-2004

Mixed Materials [35007008628939] 4 (box)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

The Virginia Law Chapter of BLSA donated this scrapbook to the Arthur J. Morris Law Library in 2018.

Scrapbook

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/248603

Unit Date 2004-2005

Mixed Materials [35007008628947] 5 (box)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

The Virginia Law Chapter of BLSA donated this scrapbook to the Arthur J. Morris Law Library in 2018.

Scrapbook

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/248604

Unit Date 2006-2007

Mixed Materials [35007008628962] 7 (box)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

The Virginia Law Chapter of BLSA donated this scrapbook to the Arthur J. Morris Law Library in 2018.

Scrapbook

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/248616

Unit Date 2008-2009

Mixed Materials [35007008628954] 6 (box)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

The Virginia Law Chapter of BLSA donated this scrapbook to the Arthur J. Morris Law Library in 2018.

Scrapbook

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/248605

Unit Date 2009-2010

Mixed Materials [35007008628962] 7 (box)

Digital Archival Object

UVA BLSA Digitized Newsletters and Scrapbooks from RG-217-2014 Accession

Immediate Source of Acquisition

The Virginia Law Chapter of BLSA donated this scrapbook to the Arthur J. Morris Law Library in 2018.

Class of 2010 3L Graduation Scrapbook

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/248606

Unit Date 2009-2010

Mixed Materials [35007008628905] 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Digital Archival Object

UVA BLSA Digitized Newsletters and Scrapbooks from RG-217-2014 Accession

Immediate Source of Acquisition

The Virginia Law Chapter of BLSA donated this scrapbook to the Arthur J. Morris Law Library in 2018.

Scrapbook

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/248620

Unit Date 2010-2011

Digital Archival Object

UVA BLSA Digitized Newsletters and Scrapbooks from RG-217-2014 Accession

Immediate Source of Acquisition

In 2014, the Virginia Law Chapter of BLSA donated a digital copy of this scrapbook to the Arthur J. Morris Law Library.

Scrapbook

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/248621

Unit Date 2012-2013

Digital Archival Object

UVA BLSA Digitized Newsletters and Scrapbooks from RG-217-2014 Accession

Immediate Source of Acquisition

In 2014, the Virginia Law Chapter of BLSA donated a digital copy of this scrapbook to the Arthur J. Morris Law Library.

Picture book

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/248607

Unit Date 2014-2015

Mixed Materials [35007008628962] 7 (box)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

The Virginia Law Chapter of BLSA donated this picture book to the Arthur J. Morris Law Library in 2018.

Websites and social media

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/248597

Unit Date 2023-2024

Extent .022267392 Gigabytes

Conditions Governing Access

There are no restrictions on access to the materials in this series.

Scope and Contents

This series consists on websites and social media pages that the Virginia Law Chapter created and shared on the Internet.

Organization website

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/248610

Unit Date 2023-2024

Extent .022267392 Gigabytes

Immediate Source of Acquisition

At various times, archivists at the Arthur J. Morris Law Library captured this website with computer applications and transferred the resulting files to the Library's archive.

Scope and Contents

This sub-series consists of captures archivists made of the Virginia Law Chapter's main organizational website. The chapter designed the site for a public audience and it shares information about their mission, membership, officers, events, and work.

Appraisal

The items in this sub-series initially existed online. Archivists strived to capture the organizational website in a state close to how it would have appeared to users when it was live. However, to overcome technological limitations and to allow for sustainable preservation, archivists made appraisal decisions that resulted in the creation of archival resources that might function and look different from the originals.

When using these copies of the organization's website, researchers should know that they are not identical to the originals. They are close representations shaped by the appraisal decisions of archivists.

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/248611

Unit Date 2023-03-30

Digital Archival Object

UVA BLSA Main Website 2023-03-30 Crawl

Extent .010756096 Gigabytes

Immediate Source of Acquisition

In March 2023, Dan Cavanaugh, an archivist at the University of Virginia Law Library, created this using the Browsertrix application during a scheduled crawl of the main BLSA website. He transferred the files to the Library's archive in February 2024.

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/248615

Unit Date 2024-02-26

Digital Archival Object

UVA BLSA Main Website 2024-02-26 Crawl

Extent .011511296 Gigabytes

Immediate Source of Acquisition

In February 2024, Dan Cavanaugh, an archivist at the University of Virginia Law Library, created this using the Browsertrix application during a scheduled crawl of the main BLSA website. He transferred the digital files to the Library's archive that same month.

Publications

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/248598

Unit Date 2002-2009

Scope and Contents

This series consists of newsletters and other resources published by the Virginia Law Chapter of the Black Law Students Association.

Newsletter

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/248612

Unit Date 2002

Scope and Contents

The Virginia Law Chapter published this newsletter to share information with its active members and alumni.

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/248613

Unit Date 2002-11

Digital Archival Object

UVA BLSA Digitized Newsletters and Scrapbooks from RG-217-2014 Accession

Immediate Source of Acquisition

In 2018, the Virginia Law Chapter of the BLSA donated this newsletter to the Arthur J. Morris Law Library.

1L Resource Guide: Navigating North Grounds and Beyond

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/248608

Unit Date 2009

Text [35007008628905] 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

In 2018, the Virginia Law Chapter of BLSA donated this item to the Arthur J. Morris Law Library.

Historic events and developments

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/248622

Unit Date 2020

Scope and Contents

This series contains collections of items that document the Virginia Law Chapter's participation in significant historical events and developments.

Arrangement

Materials are grouped into sub-series or files by event or development, which are then ordered chronologically.

George Floyd Protest Movement

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/248623

Unit Date 2020

Digital Archival Object

UVA BLSA Participation and Response to George Floyd Protest Movement records

Extent 0.000806912 Gigabytes

Immediate Source of Acquisition

In 2020, Cecilia Brown, an archivist at the Arthur J. Morris Law Library downloaded these materials from the Internet and her work email account. In March 2024, the library formally accessioned them and transferred them to the archive.

Scope and Contents

These items document the Virginia Law Chapter's participation in and response to the George Floyd Protest Movement. They include an email message to the University of Virginia Law School community and an official statement commenting on events surrounding the movement. Included here, is also a call to action for Law School community to create "a more inclusive and dynamic environment for current and future Black students, faculty, and staff."

Artifacts and ephemera

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/248595

Unit Date circa 1990-2020

Conditions Governing Access

There are no restrictions on access to the items in this series.

Scope and Contents

The artifacts and ephemera in this series document the history of the Virginia Law Chapter of the Black Law Students Association.

UVA BLSA sticker

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/248609

Unit Date circa 1990-2020

Artifacts [35007008628905] 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Found in John Norton Moore papers in 2021.