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McCoid, John C., II, 1928-2016

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18 items

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The John C. McCoid II donated his papers to the Law Library in May 1994. The addendum are papers found in his office and transferred to the archives in 2016.

Biographical / Historical

When John C. McCoid, II, retired from the University of Virginia School of Law after 36 years in 1994, he noted: "I can't imagine - after having been here - wanting to go anywhere else." McCoid received his BA in 1950 and LLB in 1953 from Vanderbilt University, where he was editor-in-chief of the Vanderbilt Law Review and a Founder's Medalist. He then served as an intelligence officer in the US Navy before joining the Virginia Law faculty in 1957. During his tenure at Virginia, McCoid wrote numerous law review articles and an influential civil procedure casebook: *Civil Procedure Cases and Materials* (1974). Among the many courses he taught were Bankruptcy, Civil Procedure, Conflicts of Law, Insurance, and Legal Ethics. He became the Armistead M. Dobie Professor in 1970 and the O. M. Vicars Professor in 1987, and was the Hunton & Williams Research Professor in 1990-92.

McCoid relied upon the Socratic method not only in the classroom, but with his colleagues, working through questions and cases rather than relying upon rules. As his colleague George Rutherglen wrote, "It is rare to find a law professor as interested as John in discovering what the limits of any general statement about the law might be." This approach earned him the respect of law faculty and students throughout his teaching career. A dozen members of the class of 1971 surprised McCoid by showing up at the last class he taught at Virginia Law. As former student and fellow faculty member Earl C. Dudley put it: "John McCoid walked a wonderful tightrope between gentle decency and bracing intellectual challenge. He was not called 'The Cobra' for nothing."

Scope and Contents

The first part of the collection has sixteen law student notebooks created by John C. McCoid II during his law study at Vanderbilt University between 1950 and 1953. The addendum, received in 2016, contains a University of Virginia report regarding the admission of women in 1968, and some correspondence regarding the recruitment of African American faculty members in 1972, and teaching materials.

Keywords

Notebooks

Law -- Study and teaching

Women in higher education

Faculty integration -- United States

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Addendum to the Papers of John C. McCoid II

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

These documents were transferred to the archives in May 2016, after Professor McCoid's death.

Scope and Contents

This small addition to Professor John C. McCoid Papers came to the library after his death in May of 2016. They consist of some teaching materials, correspondence and the UVA Report on the Admission of Women to the College in 1968.

University of Virginia, The Law School Procedure I - mimeographed instructional material, ca. 1955

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The Reading Guide, April 1960

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Legal Method - schedule, teaching assignments, readings. Fall 1963

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Virginia Trial Lawyers Association 6th Annual Seminar, March 25-27, 1965, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA

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Report of the Special University Committee on the Admission of Women to the College of Arts and Sciences of the University of Virginia at Charlottesville, November 1968

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Debtor-Creditor Relations - materials for students at UVA Law School, 1993

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Correspondence re research on federal courts, 1997-1998

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"The First Federal Rules of Civil Procedure" - text, ca. 1999

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Conflict of Laws Notebook, 1952

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Pleading Notes, 1952

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