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### Unit Date

1966-2010

### Language

English

### Creator

Knight, Robert H., 1919-2006

### Extent

.75 Linear Feet 2 archival boxes, plus 3 oversized items

### Repository

Arthur J. Morris Law Library Special Collections

## Administrative Information

## Immediate Source of Acquisition

This collection of was donated to the University of Virginia School of Law Library in the summer of 2018 by Robert H. Knight's son, E. Whitney Knight.

## Biographical / Historical

Robert H. Knight was born in New Haven, Connecticut, on 27 February 1919. He graduated from Yale University in 1940, where he joined the ROTC, and was commissioned in the US Army Air Corps. After graduating, he reported for active military duty. Following the war, he attended the University of Virginia School of Law. As a student at UVA he served as the Editor-in-Chief of the *Virginia Law Review* and was admitted to the Order of the Coif. In 1947 he joined the Law School faculty, and taught for two years.

In 1949, he joined Shearman & Sterling, the New York City law firm, becoming partner in 1956. In 1959, during the Eisenhower Administration, he moved to Washington, DC, where he served as Deputy Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs. In 1961, he served as General Counsel for the Department of the Treasury under C. Douglas Dillon. That same year, Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy asked Knight to organize the release of Cubans captured in the Bay of Pigs invasion, by working with US companies to donate baby food and drugs to exchange for the prisoners.

Knight was indispensable in the global development of Sherman & Sterling. He was head of the firm from 1982 to 1985. He attracted foreign clients, traveled the world, "his vision of the international dimension of the practice of law made him the architect of the law firm that Shearman & Sterling is today." (Robert H. Knight: A Reflection by Rogan Weerasinghe, see: Robert Knight Remembrance, MSS-2018-04, Box. 1).

He was Deputy Chairman of the New York Federal Reserve Bank from 1976-1977, and Chairman from 1977-1983. He was member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and he served on the board of The Asia Foundation, counsel to United Technologies Corporation; director of the international board of Owens-Corning Fiberglass Corporation; director of I-Corps, National Leadership Bank, Mercator, Inc., Citizen Exchange Council; and a member of the Intelsat Arbitration Panel. He was a member of the board of directors of International Volunteer Services; British Steel Corporation, and the University of Virginia Law School Foundation. He was a member of the American Bar Association; Federal Bar Association, International Bar Association, Inter-American Bar Association, Association of Bar of City of New York, New York County Lawyers Association, International Law Association, Washington Institute Foreign Affairs, Pilgrims Club, Links Club, World Trade Center Club, River Club (New York City), Army and Navy Club, Metropolitan Club (Washington), Round Hill Club (Greenwich, Connecticut), Ocean Club (Ocean Ridge, Florida), and Farmington Club (Virginia). ([https://wikispooks.com/wiki/Robert\\_H.\\_Knight](https://wikispooks.com/wiki/Robert_H._Knight))

In 1964, he became a member of the Board of Trustees of the Law School Foundation. In 1971, he became the President of the Law School Foundation, a position he held for 18 years. Under his mandate, the University of Virginia Law School endowment grew considerably, "the support provided by that endowment and by the example that he set is indispensable to the standing of the University of Virginia as a law school of the first rank." ("Robert H. Knight '47 A Reflection by Robert Scott," see: Robert Knight Remembrance, MSS-2018-04, Box. 1).

MRobert H. Knight died September 28, 2006.

## Scope and Contents

The Robert H. Knight (Law 1947) collection of miscellaneous materials contains some correspondence, memorabilia, and photographs.

## Keywords

photographs

Memorabilia

Knight, Robert H., 1919-2006

Beame, Abraham D., 1906-2001

Bush, George, H. W., 1924-2018

Carter, James Earl, Jr.

Dole, Robert Joseph

University of Virginia. School of Law

## Description of Subordinate Components

**Letters to RHK from Abraham D. Beame, Mayor of New City (May 12, 1975); President Jimmy Carter (October 6, 1977); George Bush, First International Bank, Houston, TX (February 13, 1978); Senator Bob Dole ( January 15, 1985).**

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Unit ID /repositories/4/archival\_objects/76503

Mixed Materials [35007008629093] 1 (box)

**Federal Reserve System Recognition**

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival\_objects/76504

Unit Date 1982-12

Mixed Materials [35007008629093] 1 (box)

**UVA Law School Foundation Board of Trustees Meeting of October 10, 1994. Package given to board members**

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival\_objects/76506

Unit Date 1994-11-04-1994-11-05

Mixed Materials [35007008629093] 1 (box)

**"The Campaign for Virginia." [UVA] Executive Meeting and National Leadership Gifts Council Joint Meetings. Package given to members**

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival\_objects/76508

Unit Date 1994-11-04-1994-11-05

Mixed Materials [35007008629093] 1 (box)

**Law School Alumni Association Annual Meeting**

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival\_objects/76509

Unit Date 2003-05-03

Mixed Materials [35007008629093] 1 (box)

**Robert H. Knight Remembrance: "So far, so good: remembering Robert Huntington Knight, February 27, 1919 - September 28, 2006.**

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival\_objects/76510

Mixed Materials [35007008629093] 1 (box)

**Condolence cards and letters upon Knight's death**

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival\_objects/76511

Unit Date 2006

Mixed Materials [35007008629093] 1 (box)

## **James H. Giffen Court Transcript, Support Letters and Press. "Letter to "Rosemary" from Mr. Giffen**

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Unit ID /repositories/4/archival\_objects/76512

Unit Date 2010

Mixed Materials [35007008629093] 1 (box)

## **Resolutions and Recognitions.**

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Unit ID /repositories/4/archival\_objects/76514

Mixed Materials [35007008629093] 1 (box)

## **AECA Luncheons**

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Unit ID /repositories/4/archival\_objects/76517

Unit Date 1995

Photographs [35007008629101] 2 (box)

**Robert H. Knight, Senior Partner of Sherman & Sterling with Mr. Bernard L. Magdelain, Vice President and Manager Chemical Bank at the luncheon in honor of Richard N. Gardner, US Ambassador to Spain and Mrs. Libby Pataki, New York, May 30, 1995.**

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival\_objects/76519

Photographs [35007008629101] 2 (box)

**Robert H. Knight with Mrs. David A. Morse at luncheon in honor of Alan J. Donelly, MEP Chairman, European Parliament Delegation for Relations with the US, January 30, 1995.**

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Photographs [35007008629101] 2 (box)

## **[Federal Reserve Bank of New York] ? Board, undated.**

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival\_objects/76520

Photographs [35007008629101] 2 (box)

## **[Federal Reserve Bank of New York] ? Board, undated [ca. 1977-1983]**

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival\_objects/76526

Photographs [35007008629101] 2 (box)

## **Federal Reserve Bank of New York 75th Anniversary Dinner, 1989. Robert H. Knight with two unidentified persons.**

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival\_objects/76527

Photographs [35007008629101] 2 (box)

## **Group of Young Men (copy) and photo of drawing with Knight with inscription: "UTC's Knight for President, undated.**

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival\_objects/76528

Photographs [35007008629101] 2 (box)

## **Robert H. Knight at White House Meeting with President Jimmy Carter, April 10, 1977**

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Photographs [35007008629101] 2 (box)

## **Robert H. Knight with President Bill Clinton, November 11, 1995.**

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Photographs [35007008629101] 2 (box)

## **Robert H. Knight Photographic Portraits, undated.**

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Photographs [35007008629101] 2 (box)

## **Robert H. Knight Portrait with photos of family behind the portrait, undated.**

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Photographs [35007008629101] 2 (box)

## **Robert H. Knight with a group of young friends, undated.**

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Photographs [35007008629101] 2 (box)

## **Robert and Mimi, May 1995**

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival\_objects/76536

Photographs [35007008629101] 2 (box)

## **Law Class of 1947 in front of the Rotunda, [1997]**

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival\_objects/76538

Photographs [35007008629101] 2 (box)

## **Law School Alumni Association Board of Directors, October 8, 1966**

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival\_objects/76540

Photographs [35007008629101] 2 (box)

## **New York Society for International Affairs, Inc. Luncheon in Honor of José María Figueres, President of Costa Rica, September 28, 1994.**

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival\_objects/76542

Photographs [35007008629101] 2 (box)

## **TransCanada Pipelines Limited 1994 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, 1994**

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival\_objects/76543

Photographs [35007008629101] 2 (box)

**Two passports; Three pairs of gold cuff-links; Tuxedo buttons; Cousteau-Pechiney Turbosail - Turboivoile Commemorative Medallion produce by Howmet Turbine Corporation, May 13 - June 17, 1985; Medallion with two dogs, inscription reads: R. H. Knight, FN - Herstal, 22-10-75; One leather wallet One gold money clip Certification of Knight's flight in the Sikorsky76 flight simulator. A drawing of a logo.**

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival\_objects/76546

Mixed Materials [35007008629101] 2 (box)

## **Two envelops with personal photographs, undated.**

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival\_objects/76550

Photographs [35007008629101] 2 (box)

## **UVA School of Law Lile Law Society Coasters (3 coasters)**

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival\_objects/76552

Mixed Materials [35007008629101] 2 (box)

## **Oversized Materials**

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival\_objects/76554

**New York Stock Exchange, Inc. Acknowledgement of Robert H. Knight as a member of the International Markets Advisory Committee, October 1981 to October 1995.**

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival\_objects/76555

Mixed Materials 1 (Oversize Folder)

**Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corporation Resolution recognizing Robert H. Knight, 1989.**

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival\_objects/76557

Mixed Materials 1 (Oversize Folder)

**Oversized photo of board room, undated.**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/76559

**Photographs** 1 (Oversize Folder)