

Camden M. Hall papers, 1956-2014

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Hall, Camden M.
Title	Camden M. Hall papers
Dates	1956-2014 (bulk) 1956 2014
Quantity	11.61 cubic feet (12 boxes, 1 vertical file, and 1 OS folder)
Collection Number	5503
Summary	Case files and political ephemera of attorney Camden M. Hall
Repository	University of Washington Libraries, Special Collections Special Collections University of Washington Libraries Box 352900 Seattle, WA 98195-2900 Telephone: 206-543-1929 Fax: 206-543-1931 speccoll@uw.edu
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Languages	English
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Biographical Note

Attorney Camden Hall was born in Seattle in 1940. He received a BA in 1962 and a JD in 1965 from the University of Washington, where he was president of the Young Republicans Club. Hall served as a Judge Pro Tempore in the Seattle Municipal Court from 1971 - 1975, and in the King County Superior Court from 1988 - 1997. He was a member of the firm Foster, Pepper & Shefelman PLLC from 1970 - 2002, after which he opened his own practice.

As an attorney and counselor at law in Seattle, Hall has reported on many significant cases including, *Hirabayashi v. United States*, *Seattle Times Company v. Ishikawa*, *Rosenberg v. Seattle Art Museum*, *Hoppe v. The Hearst Corporation*, *Seattle School District No 1 v. State of Washington*, *Washington Public Power Supply System Securities Litigations*, *Citizens against Mandatory Busing v. Palmason*, and more.

In the 1980s, Hall served on the Seattle Coram Nobis "writ of error" legal team that challenged the 1943 wartime convictions of the Japanese-American Gordon K. Hirabayashi for violations of curfew and exclusion orders of the United States government.

Content Description

Materials include Legal briefs, correspondence, news releases, letterhead, notes, and a research paper.

Camden Hall's files on Hirabayashi v. United States, including an inscribed copy of Gordon Hirabayashi's 1985 lecture, "Good Times, Bad Times: Idealism is Realism," as well as annotated editions books used by Hall's legal team and clippings and articles, related to Hirabayashi and other Japanese Internment cases, through 2005.

Case Files from Camden M. Hall law offices, including pleadings, exhibits, reporter subpoenas, finding of facts, conclusions of law, judgments, and news articles related to the following cases: Rosenberg v. Seattle Art Museum, Adams v. Burlington Northern Railroad (and related cases), Hoppe v. The Hearst Corporation, Washington Public Power Supply System Litigations (WPPSS), and Seattle School District No 1 v. State of Washington. Also includes ephemera, newsclippings, correspondence related to the 25th Anniversary of US v. Hirabayashi Conference in 2012; and political ephemera from the 1950s and 1960s, at both the national and Washington state level, organizational documents related to the fight to repeal the 1909 Washington Blue Laws, using Proposition 229

Use of the Collection

Restrictions on Use

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Administrative Information

Arrangement

Organized into 4 accessions.

Accession No. 5503-001, Camden M. Hall case files on Hirabayashi v. United States and other materials, 1956-2005

Accession No. 5503-002, Camden M. Hall papers, 1979-2014

Accession No. 5503-003, Camden M. Hall papers, 1963-1973

Accession No. 5503-004, Camden M. Hall papers, 1965-1967

Detailed Description of the Collection

Accession No. 5503-001: Camden M. Hall case files on Hirabayashi v. United States and other materials,

5.45 cubic feet (6 boxes plus 1 vertical file)

Scope and Content: This accession consists of Camden Hall's files on Hirabayashi v. United States and includes an inscribed copy of Gordon Hirabayashi's 1985 lecture, "Good Times, Bad Times: Idealism is Realism," as well as annotated editions of the following books, used by Hall's legal team: *Justice Delayed* edited by Peter Irons (with an note to Hall from Barry Garfinkel), *Justice at War* by Peter Irons, *Personal Justice Denied* (a Report of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and

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Internment of Civilians), and a government publication, *Japanese-American and Aleutian Wartime Relocation*. Camden Hall also collected clippings and articles, related to Hirabayashi and other Japanese Internment cases, through 2005. Another portion of the materials, unrelated to Hirabayashi, is comprised of political ephemera from the 1950s and 1960s, at both the national and Washington state level.

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Acquisition Info: Camden Hall, 08/09/2007

Processing Info: Minimally processed.

Processing Info:

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box	Accession	
1	5503-001 Hirabayashi case files <u>Scope and Content:</u> Includes the publication, <i>Good Times, Bad Times: Idealism is Realism</i> by Gordon K. Hirabayashi (inscribed).	
2	5503-001 Hirabayashi case files <u>Scope and Content:</u> Includes FBI files for Ken (Kentaro) Nakazawa.	
3	5503-001 Hirabayashi case files	
4	5503-001 Hirabayashi case files	
5	5503-001 Hirabayashi case files and articles on Japanese-American internment <u>Scope and Content:</u> Includes the titles: <i>Japanese-American and Aleutian wartime relocation: hearing before the Subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Relations of the Committee on the Judiciary, House of Representatives, Ninety-eighth Congress, second session, on H.R. 3387 ... H.R. 4110 ... H.R. 4322 ... June 20, 21, 27, and September 12, 1984</i> published by the House Committee on the Judiciary, of the United States Congress. <i>Personal justice denied</i> published by the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians (1983) <i>Justice at war</i> by Peter Irons (1983)	

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	<i>Justice delayed: the record of the Japanese American internment cases</i> edited by Peter Irons (1989)	
VF:Oversize		
Vertical file	5503-001 Certificates of appreciation from Gordon Hirabayashi legal team	
Box		
6	5503-001 Political ephemera -- local and national	1950s - 1960s

Accession No. 5503-002: Camden M. Hall papers, 1979-2014

4.56 cubic feet (4 boxes)

Scope and Content: Case Files from Camden M. Hall law offices. Includes pleadings, exhibits, reporter subpoenas, finding of facts, conclusions of law, judgments, and news articles related to the following cases:

Rosenberg v. Seattle Art Museum: "L'Odalisque" painted by Henri Matisse in 1928, was purchased by Virginia and Prentice Bloedel from the Knoedler Gallery in 1954. In 1991, the Bloedels gifted the painting to the Seattle Art Museum (SAM). "L'Odalisque" was later found to have been stolen from French art collector, Paul Rosenberg, by German Nazis during World War II. Rosenberg's heirs, including Elaine Rosenberg, discovered the whereabouts of "L'Odalisque" and filed suit against the SAM for its return. The museum, in turn, sued the Knoedler Gallery for breach of title, fraud, and negligent misrepresentation. SAM claimed that the Knoedler Gallery defrauded the Bloedels when it sold them the painting in 1954, by lying to them about the provenance, or chain of title. SAM presented evidence that the Knoedler Gallery knew that the painting belonged to Rosenberg, but assured the Bloedels that the Gallery had a legal and accurate title to the painting. The Knoedler Gallery argued that SAM could not prove this claim and that if this claim were to be dismissed, all other claims should also be dismissed because the Court would lack personal jurisdiction over Knoedler. SAM originally refused to return the painting to the Rosenbergs. Eventually though, they agreed that the Rosenberg heirs were the rightful owners of the painting and returned the work to them.

Adams v. Burlington Northern Railroad (and related cases): Adams v. Burlington N. R., as well as Schickler & Noparstak v. Burlington N. R., Guardian v. Burlington N.R, and Ellenson v. Burlington N.R. all arose from the effort of bondholders to enforce "gold clauses" in railroad bonds issued almost a century ago. A "gold clause" requires payment of the bond's obligation in gold dollars valued at the time the obligation was undertaken. In 1933, Congress rendered such "gold clauses" unenforceable, but permitted them again in 1977. The issues presented regarded whether the 1977 legislation revived these ancient "gold clauses" and whether various actions of the parties created new, post-1977 obligations payable in gold. The court determined that neither situation warranted the payments. The bondholders brought a class action to force the Burlington N.R. to pay the interest and principal of its gold bonds, issues in 1896 and 1921, in gold coin. Class representative, Guy Adams, appealed the district court's dismissal of the action. Due to the identity of issues in this case and Adams v. CSX Transportation Inc, an appeal from the district court's dismissal of a class action to enforce the "gold

clauses" in CSX Transportation bonds, the court consolidated the cases for their opinion. In all cases, the court affirmed the decision of the district courts and denied the bondholders payment.

Hoppe v. The Hearst Corporation: A columnist for the Seattle Post Intelligencer wrote a satirical article that portrayed a local public official negatively. The article referred to the official as "Herley Herpes" and suggested that the official may have misappropriated public funds. The public official soon brought suit against the columnist and the company which owned the newspaper (The Hearst Corporation) for defamation, outrage, false light invasion or privacy, and intentional or negligent infliction of emotional stress. The court dismissed the case on the following grounds: (1) the use of the term "hurley Herpes" in reference to the official could not reasonably be interpreted as factual assertion that the official had herpes; (2) speculation in column as to whether the official has misappropriated public funds could not reasonably be interpreted as implying assertion of undisclosed defamatory facts; (3) it was not shown that the columnist had acted with actual malice.

Washington Public Power Supply System Litigations (WPPSS) : WPPSS issued \$2.25 billion dollars in municipal bonds to finance the construction of two nuclear power plants (Projects 4 and 5). Serious problems led to the eventual termination of the projects and subsequently to the default by WPPSS on its bond obligations. In creating the WPPSS bond offerings, the utilities participating in the construction of the nuclear power plants entered into agreements which provided that they would repay the bonds, regardless of whether the plants were completed. This multidistrict litigation was the consolidation of various cases made in connection with the bond default, including Chemical Bank (bond fund trustee) and individuals. Plaintiffs in this litigation sought relief, in part based on alleged misrepresentations regarding the ability and willingness of WPPSS and individual members of WPPSS to pay the bond debts. In connection with the WPPSS litigations, Haberman v. WPPSS involved various bond holders claims against WPPSS and others for injuries resulting from WPPSS default on the revenue bonds. The trial dismissed all bondholders claims.

Seattle School District No 1 v. State of Washington: This lawsuit held that the State Constitution requires the funding of basic common school education as the "paramount duty" of the state. School District No 1, parents of children enrolled in the district schools, and children enrolled in the schools brought suit against the State of Washington, and various state officials, to seek a declaration that the State's reliance on special excess levy funding for discharging its duty to provide for the education of the district children was unconstitutional. The court ruled in favor of the plaintiffs (School District, parents, and students). After various appeals, the court confirmed the judgment in favor of the plaintiffs. This case provided the foundation for McCleary v. State of Washington, a similar school funding litigation case.

Also includes documents (ephemera, newsclippings, correspondence) related to the 25th Anniversary of US v. Hirabayashi Conference in 2012.

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Acquisition Info: Camden M. Hall, 2016-04-12 ; 2016-07-11

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	Series 1: Rosenberg v. The Seattle Art Museum	1998-2000

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Box/ Folder	Accession	
1/1	5503-002 Pleadings and Exhibits (Tabs 1-39)	1998-2000
1/2	5503-002 Pleadings and Exhibits (Tabs 40-66)	1998-2000
1/3	5503-002 Pleadings and Exhibits (Tabs 67-94)	1998-2000
1/4	5503-002 Pleadings and Exhibits (Tabs 95-120)	1998-2000
1/5	5503-002 Pleadings and Exhibits (Tabs 121-132)	1998-2000
1/6	5503-002 Pleadings and Exhibits (Tabs 133-148)	1998-2000
1/7	5503-002 Pleadings and Exhibits (Misc. Pleadings and Exhibits)	1998-2000
1/8	5503-002 Misc. Pleadings	1998-2000
2/1	5503-002 Pleadings and Exhibits (Tabs 1-27)	1998-2000
2/2	5503-002 Request to Admit	1998-2000
2/3	5503-002 Certificate of Service	1998-2000
2/4	5503-002 Bates Numbered Documents	1998-2000
Series 2: Gold Bond Holders Cases		1993-1996
Subseries 1: Adams v. CSX Transportation Inc.		1993-1996
Box/ Folder	Accession	
2/5	5503-002 Pleadings and Exhibits (Tabs 1-7)	1993-1996
2/6	5503-002 Class Action Complaint	1993
Subseries 2: Adams v. Burlington Northern Railroad		1993-1994
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2/7	5503-002 Pleadings and Exhibits (Tabs 1-2)	1994
2/8	5503-002 Pleadings and Exhibits (Tabs 1-5)	1993-1994
2/9	5503-002 Pleadings and Exhibits (Tabs 1-19)	1993-1994
2/10	5503-002 Drafts	1993-1994
Subseries 3: Schickler & Noparstak v. Burlington Northern Railroad		1989-1990
Box/ Folder	Accession	
2/11	5503-002 Photocopies	1989-1990
Subseries 4: Guardian Life Insurance v. Burlington Northern Railroad		1988
Box/ Folder	Accession	
2/12	5503-002 Drafts	1988
Subseries 5: Ellenson v. Burlington Northern Railroad		1987
Box/ Folder	Accession	
3/6	5503-002 Reporter Subpoenas	1987
Series 3: Hoppe v. The Hearst Corporation (Seattle Post Intelligencer)		1983-1987
Box/ Folder	Accession	
2/13	5503-002 Pleadings and Exhibit Copies	1983-1987
2/14	5503-002 Pleadings and Exhibit Copies	1983-1987
3/1	5503-002 Pleadings and Exhibit Copies	1983-1987

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3/2	5503-002 Pleadings and Exhibit Copies	1983-1987
3/3	5503-002 Pleadings and Exhibit Copies	1983-1987
3/4	5503-002 Pleadings and Exhibit Copies	1983-1987
3/5	5503-002 Pleadings and Exhibit Copies	1983-1987
Series 4: National Union Fire Insurance v. Seafirst Corporation		1987
Box/ Folder	Accession	
3/7	5503-002 Reporter Subpoenas	1987
Series 5: Washington Public Power Supply System Securities Litigation		1988-2000
Box/ Folder	Accession	
4/1	5503-002 Pleadings and Exhibits	1988
4/2	5503-002 Pleadings and Exhibits	1995
4/3	5503-002 Stipulation and Agreement of Compromise	1988
4/4	5503-002 Notice of Hearing for Recovery of Tax Claims	1996-2000
Series 6: Seattle School District No 1 v. State of Washington		1977
Box/ Folder	Accession	
4/5	5503-002 Verbatim Report of Proceedings (Vol. 1)	1977
4/6	5503-002 Verbatim Report of Proceedings (Vol. 2)	1977
4/7	5503-002 Verbatim Report of Proceedings (Vol. 3)	1977
4/8	5503-002 Finding of Fact and Conclusion of Law	1977

Container(s)	Description	Dates
4/9	5503-002 Judgement	1976-1979
4/10	5503-002 Memorandum Opinion	1977
4/11	5503-002 "School Finance Litigation in Washington: Success not Limited by the Boundaries of District, State, and Time" by Rebecca Morrow	Undated
Series 7: McCleary v. State of Washington		2012-2014
Box/ Folder	Accession	
4/12	5503-002 Joint Select Committee Report of Article IX Litigation	2012
4/13	5503-002 Supreme Court Orders	2012-2014
4/14	5503-002 Washington Response to Court Order	2014
4/15	5503-002 Finding of Fact and Conclusion of Law	2010-2014
4/16	5503-002 Printed News Articles	2010-2014
Series 8: 25th Anniversary of U.S. vs. Hirabayashi		2010-2014
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4/17	5503-002 Conference Materials	2010-2011
4/18	5503-002 Conference Materials	2012
4/19	5503-002 Conference Materials	2012
4/20	5503-002 Correspondence	2012
4/21	5503-002 Newsclippings	2010-2014

Accession No. 5503-003: Camden M. Hall papers, 1963-1973

1.14 cubic feet (1 box)

Scope and Content: Legal briefs, correspondence, news releases, letterhead, notes, and a research paper.

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Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box	Accession	
1	5503-003 Bayley and Hall letterhead	circa 1963
1	5503-003 State of Washington v. Hearst Corporation: Statement of Facts	1972
1	5503-003 Seattle Times Company v. Tielsch: Statement of Case, Assignment of Error, Summary of Argument (includes correspondence)	1971
1	5503-003 Seattle Times Company v. Tielsch: legal briefs	undated
1	5503-003 News releases and correspondence from the office of Attorney General Slade Gorton (about gambling)	1969-1973
1	5503-003 Seattle Times Company v. Tielsch: legal documents and correspondence	1970-1972
1	5503-003 Seattle Times Company v. Tielsch: Statement of Facts	1971
1	5503-003 State of Washington v. Hearst Corporation, State of Washington v. Junker, State of Washington v. Radio Station KJR, Washington State v. Kaye-Smith Enterprises: legal documents, memorandum, correspondence	1972
1	5503-003 "The Future of Present State Problems Project 1965" by Christopher T. Bayley, Camden M. Hall, and John H. Hauberg Jr.	1963
1	5503-003 "The Future of Present State Problems Project 1965" (fragments)	1963
1	5503-003 Notes about "The Future of Present State Problems Project 1965"	circa 1963

Accession No. 5503-004: Camden M. Hall papers, 1965-1967

0.46 cubic feet (1 box and 1 OS Folder)

Scope and Content: Newspaper clippings, legal statements, ephemera, and organizational documents related to the fight to repeal the 1909 Washington Blue Laws, using Proposition 229

Restrictions on Access: No restrictions on access.

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Biographical/Historical Note: Materials in this collection relate to the 1966 fight to repeal the 1909 "Blue Law." This law prohibited a wide range of business activities from being performed on Sundays, from book selling and automotive dealing to the sale of liquor. Prosecution of businesses under the Blue Laws was rare and inconsistent. The president of the Washington Young Democrats club, Lem Howell, filed a proposal to repeal them on February 18, 1966, which became Proposition 229. He was joined in the repeal effort by Camden Hall, former president of the University of Washington Young Republicans, and the two led the Committee for Repeal of the Blue Law.

They were successful in petitioning the state to ballot the initiative thanks to the aid of the Seventh Day Adventists in gaining signatures. Though opposed to the sale of alcohol, the Adventists viewed the 1909 law as a form of state religious discrimination declaring Sunday as the Sabbath.

The repeal effort was opposed by a loose coalition of church and anti-alcohol groups afraid of opening up Sunday to liquor sales. Proposition 229 passed overwhelmingly on November 8, 1966. Its passage opened the path for the Washington State Liquor Control Board to extend liquor sales to Sunday the following year.

Source: History Link

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/ Folder	Accession	
1/1	5503-004 Correspondence and Personal Papers, Proposition 229	1966
1/2	5503-004 Papers, Committee for Repeal of the Blue Law	1965-1966
1/3	5503-004 Ephemera and Voting Materials, Proposition 229	1966
1/4	5503-004 Clippings and Photocopies, Proposition 229	1966
1/5	5503-004 Clippings and Publications, Proposition 229	1966
1/6	5503-004 Clippings and Publications, Anti-Proposition 229	1936-1966
1/7	5503-004 Re: Initiative 229	1966
1/8	5503-004 Resource Materials, Etc.	1966

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/9	5503-004 Finances & Committee	1966
1/10	5503-004 Clipping, Statements, and Petition, Post-Repeal Liquor Sale Expansion	1967
Folder:Oversize		
OS Vertical File	5503-004 Leyritz Cartoon (original)	1966

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Japanese Americans--Evacuation and relocation, 1942-1945
 Judges--Washington (State)--Seattle
 Lawyers--Washington (State)--Seattle
 Personal Papers/Corporate Records (University of Washington)
 Trials--Washington (State)--Seattle

Personal Names :

Hall, Camden M.--Archives
 Hirabayashi, Gordon K.--Trials, litigation, etc

Corporate Names :

BNSF Railway--Trials, litigation, etc
 Hearst Corporation--Trials, litigation, etc
 Seattle Art Museum--Trials, litigation, etc
 Seattle Public Schools--Trials, litigation, etc
 Washington Public Power Supply System--Trials, litigation, etc

Geographical Names :

Washington (State)--Politics and government
 Washington (State)--Trials, litigation, etc

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