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**SUMMARY**

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<b>Summary</b>	Legal papers of Ben R. Miller, Sr., an attorney and judge in Baton Rouge, and active member of the American Bar Association. His papers address the legal profession, legal reform, and the evolution of the state and federal judiciary systems.
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### **BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE**

Ben Robertson Miller, Sr., attorney, public official, and author, was born in Sulphur Springs, Texas, in 1905. He was a graduate of Louisiana State University, and was admitted to the Louisiana State Bar in 1927. While practicing law in Baton Rouge, Miller was extremely active in professional associations. He was a long-time member of the Baton Rouge Bar Association (President, 1949) and of the Louisiana State Bar Association (Board of Governors, 1942-1951). During the 1950s, Miller was a member of the committee of the Louisiana Law Institute to devise a new code of civil procedures, finally adopted in 1960.

At various times in his career, Miller served as chairman of seven American Bar Association Sections, each of which concerned itself with a major aspect of the nation's legal life. He worked on the Section of Criminal Justice (1968-1976), one year as its chairman, and on Sections and Committees dealing with Uniform Rules of Evidence, Non-Partisan Election of the Federal Judiciary, and Bar Activities, serving as chairman of each at varied times. Miller was also a member (from 1952) of the ABA House of Delegates and the ABA Board of Governors. Other significant professional associations include the American College of Probate Counsel, the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, and the American Judicature Society.

In the 1970s, Miller served as Assistant Attorney General of Louisiana, and between 1976 and 1978, was an interim judge of the Baton Rouge City Court and of the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Judicial District Courts.

Miller was the author of *The Louisiana Judiciary* (1932), *Louisiana Corporations and Forms* (1969, with biennial supplements), and articles in *The Tulane Law Review*, *Louisiana Law Review*, *American Bar Journal*, and *Municipal Law Letter*, to name a few.

Miller was married to Margaret Terry, and the couple had two sons. Miller died in 1983.

### **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The collection consists of correspondence, legal papers, memoranda, statements, reports, notes, photographs, and printed materials spanning Ben R. Miller, Sr.'s legal career. The scope of the collection is broad, ranging from national (and even international) legal issues to local city court cases.

To a large extent, the collection has been maintained in Miller's original order according to subject area. Many of his divisions are accompanied by his introductory and explanatory notes as to the nature and significance of the materials.

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## SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

### Series I. Law in Louisiana, 1932-1981

#### **Subseries 1, Judicial Reforms in Louisiana, 1932-1955**

Consists of 2 bound volumes compiled by Miller, entitled "Judicial Reforms in Louisiana, 1932-1955, Pages from that Story, v.1-2." Miller writes an introduction to the materials discussing his interest in the subject of the Louisiana Judiciary, and includes articles written by Miller, his correspondence related to the topic, Committee on the Judiciary minutes (1947-48), working drafts, and reports of the Standing Committee on Jurisprudence and Law Reform (1950-1951).

#### **Subseries 2, Judicial Administration in Louisiana, 1932-1964**

5 bound volumes, entitled "Judicial Administration in Louisiana," consist of clippings, articles, and correspondence compiled by Miller. His first and third volumes contain introductory notes by Miller discussing his interest in judicial administration and reform. Contains many of his own writings on the subject in various law journals, meeting minutes (Committee on the Judiciary, General Committee on the Constitution Project). Volume 4 contains photographs of Law Reform Committee members (1965). Volume 5 contains the Louisiana State Bar Association's various reports of the Committee on Law Reform to the House of Delegates (1960-1964).

#### **Subseries 3, Louisiana Corporation Law Reform, 1963-1981**

This subseries consists of a bound volume, "Louisiana Corporation Laws, 1963-1968," compiled by Miller of clippings, correspondence, meeting agendas and remarks, drafts of proposed changes, and reports relating to the Law Reform Committee of the Louisiana State Bar Association and their project to revise the corporation laws of Louisiana. The committee was formed in 1962 and Miller served as vice-chairman. Also included are letters related to Ben Miller's *Louisiana Law Review* article "The 1968 Business Corporation Law of Louisiana" and his book *Louisiana Corporations and Forms* (1968-1981).

#### **Subseries 4, Efforts for Merit Selection of State Judges, 1963-1973**

The subseries consists of two scrapbooks (deconstructed for preservation purposes) addressing the issue of merit selection of state judges in Louisiana. The first volume (1963-1969) contains correspondence with fellow lawyers, committee reports, newspaper clippings, and the proceedings of the Mid-Winter Meeting, Louisiana State Bar Association House of Delegates, November 14-15, 1969. The second volume (1970-1973) contains articles from *Louisiana Bar Journal*, correspondence, clippings, committee reports, minutes addressing compensation for judges, and a statement of Miller in favor of merit selection to the Louisiana Constitutional Convention, 1973.

#### **Subseries 5, Committee for the Revision of the Louisiana Supreme Court Rules, 1973-1978**

In 1973, Louisiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Joe W. Sanders appointed Miller as a member of the Advisory Committee for the Revision of the Louisiana Supreme Court Rules. The Committee was tasked with the following projects: (1) Court rules to implement Act No. 84 of 1972 providing for the permissive certification of questions

pertaining to Louisiana Law to the Louisiana Supreme Court by the U.S. Court of Appeals when there is no controlling Court decision, as well as (2) a new Code of Judicial Ethics with consideration being given to the adoption of the Code of Judicial Conduct recently recommended by the ABA. This subseries contains correspondence, a list of committee members, drafts of changes in the certification rule, and articles referring to inherent powers of trial courts.

Within this committee, Justice Albert Tate named Miller head of the subcommittee to draft a Code of Judicial Ethics for the state of Louisiana. This subseries also contains correspondence, articles, drafts of changes, and examples of codes in other states. Also included is *Ernest N. Morial, et al., Plaintiffs-Appellees v. Judiciary Commission of the State of Louisiana, et al. Appeal from the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, Original Brief of Appellants* (1977) concerning Morial's right to run for public office without resigning his judicial office.

**Subseries 6, Louisiana State Bar Committee of Law Reform, 1968-1980**

Consists of correspondence, articles, reports, and court cases relevant to the Committee of Law Reform, of which Miller was vice chairman. Some issues include community property law, inheritance tax, selection of judicial candidates, and bail reform. A large portion of the materials address certified questions from federal courts.

**Subseries 7, Louisiana Constitutional Convention, 1970-1974**

This subseries consists of two scrapbooks of correspondence, polls, newspaper clippings, interviews and statements compiled by Miller regarding the Louisiana Constitutional Convention in 1973. The materials reflect Miller's and his colleagues' opinions on proposed reforms, including the merit plan vs. election of judges, exclusionary rule, death penalty, and retirement of judges, to name a few. Also included is a statement by Miller to the Judiciary Committee of the Constitutional Convention as well as an in-depth interview with Miller by J. B. Lancaster in the Baton Rouge *Advocate* concerning the constitutional reforms. The scrapbooks were deconstructed for preservation purposes, but kept in original order.

**Subseries 8, Fair Campaign Practices Act of 1974**

Miller was appointed to a committee, chaired by the Secretary of State, to draft a campaign practices act for Louisiana in order to address issues such as campaign contributions, endorsements, and disclosure. Newspaper clippings, minutes of committee meetings, correspondence, and summaries of public hearings are included.

**Series II. American Bar Association (ABA) Activities, 1943-1982**

**Subseries 1, ABA Sections and Committees, 1956-1964**

In 1957, Miller assumed chairmanship of the Section of Bar Activities. Two bound volumes chronicle his contributions to the Section through correspondence, meeting minutes, and reports.

**Subseries 2, ABA Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities, 1966-1971**

This series contains a bound volume of correspondence, section reports, conference information, newspaper clippings, and journal articles spanning Miller's chairmanship of the ABA Section of Rights and Responsibilities (1965-1968). This volume contains the

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proposed name and purpose of the section, as well as its by-laws, proposed committees, and initial budget. Also included are minutes (along with Miller's notations) of section meetings (1966-1970), as well as correspondence, reports, newspaper clippings, and Miller's minority report concerning the genocide treaty (January 24, 1970). Some topics discussed include preventive detention, the Bail Reform Act of 1966, the Murphy Amendment, uniform jury selection, the trial of the Chicago Seven (March 1970), the role of the lawyer and social worker (April 1970), electronic surveillance, and governmental responsibility for free speech and press (August 1970). Of note is a speech by attorney William Kunstler delivered to a Conference for a United Front Against Fascism and published in an issue of a newsletter by the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade (September 1, 1969), accompanied by correspondence between Miller and other attorneys in the interest of the ABA condemning Kunstler's words. Also of interest is a report of a survey addressing discrimination which was sent to ABA members (February-March 1970).

**Subseries 3, ABA Section on Criminal Law and Section of Criminal Justice, 1957-1977**

This series comprises the ABA Section on Criminal Law and the ABA Section of Criminal Justice. In 1973, the Section's name, Criminal Law, was changed to that of Criminal Justice in order to broaden the section's interests. These interests include topics such as privacy, habeas corpus, speedy trial, sentencing, corrections, comparison of British and American Criminal Law (1957-1972), Federal criminal codes, death penalty, prisoners, drugs, effectiveness of counsel, proposed rules to govern congressional committee hearings, organized crime, and gun control, to name a few. These issues are addressed in articles, correspondence, meeting minutes, position papers, reports as well as conference binders. Also included are Miller's files, comprised of correspondence, resolutions, research articles, and his own writings, concerning the D.C. Crime Bill of 1970.

Correspondence, meeting minutes, and reports and proposals of various subcommittees relating to the National Commission on Reform of Federal Criminal Laws as well as the New Federal Criminal Code (1970-1977) can be found in this series. Also included are files from Miller's year as chairman of the Criminal Justice Section Committee on Specialization (1968-1969). Two deconstructed volumes pertain to Miller's year as chairman of the ABA Criminal Justice Section (1974-1975). They contain correspondence, articles, memoranda, budgets, meeting programs, and proposals discussing topics to be discussed within the Criminal Justice Section, suggested members, and suggestions for committee structure.

Also included are two ABA Section of Criminal Justice Progress Reports for Nationwide Implementation of Standards for Criminal Justice submitted to LEAA (May-October 1974 and November 1974-January 1975), a Comparative Analysis of Standards and Goals of the National Advisory Commission on Criminal Justice Standards and Goals with Standards for Criminal Justice of the American Bar Association (March 1974), as well as numerous printed materials related to Standards of Criminal Justice.

Miller's conference files include the National District Attorneys Association/ABA Section of Criminal Justice Conference, of which Miller was chairman (February 5-7, 1975), containing correspondence, questionnaires, and summaries of reports regarding



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various criminal justice issues; the Law Teachers Conference on National Criminal Justice Standards (March 12-15, 1975); the Criminal Code Revision Conference (April 8-11 1975) and the Interdisciplinary Sentencing Seminar (October 24-28, 1977).

**Subseries 4, Juvenile Justice Standards Project, 1977-1980**

The Juvenile Justice Standards Project was created by a joint commission of the ABA and the IJA (Institute for Judicial Administration). The project was intended to address all aspects of the juvenile justice system. This series contains correspondence, reports, drafts, resolutions, committee meeting minutes, and memoranda related to the project. While these papers are arranged chronologically, Miller also grouped selected reports according to the following topics (his order has been maintained): Abuse and Neglect, Adjudication, Dispositions and Prosecution, Interim Status, Non-criminal Misbehavior, Police Handling, Rights of Minors, Schools and Education, and Youth Services.

**Subseries 5, ABA Standing Committee on Education Against Communism, 1943-1967**

The purpose of this committee was to provide programs to educate lawyers and encourage and support schools in their education against Communism. The series contains reports and resolutions of the committee (1959-1964), clippings, some correspondence, and "Convergence, Coexistence, or Aggression? Evolving Communist Strategies," a provisional draft manuscript for internal use of the Standing Committee (1966). Also included are printed items such as reports and hearings before the Committee on Un-American Activities House of Representatives (1943-1953) and "Case Studies in Personnel Security" by Adam Yarmolinsky, published the Bureau of National Affairs, 1955. Reports from the Joint Legislative Committee on Un-American Activities of the State of Louisiana are also included, addressing issues such as The Spartacist League, the Nation of Islam, and Communist Propaganda in Louisiana (1962-1967).

**Subseries 6, ABA Standing Committee on Federal Judiciary, 1944-1982**

This series contains 14 bound volumes (1949-1967) of materials concerning the ABA Standing Committee on Federal Judiciary, including reports, correspondence concerning court vacancies and potential judges, and candidates' resumes. Also included are loose papers, comprised of correspondence, clippings, and published materials related to the selection of federal judges and the Standing Committee on Judicial Selection, Tenure, and Compensation.

A large amount of printed materials are included such as briefs submitted to the ABA from the Committee on the Federal Judiciary (1958), journal articles, and published pamphlets.

Of note are a number of letters voicing Miller's opposition to the nomination (and continued opposition) of Frank Ellis to the Federal Judiciary (1962, 1966, 1979), letters voicing his support of the nomination of Warren Burger (1969), including one letter written to Burger discussing Miller's opinions on a speech Burger delivered in Philadelphia (November 19, 1969), and letters voicing his support of William H. Rehnquist (1971). A recurring topic in the series is Miller's 1958 resolution urging the creation of a nonpartisan commission to suggest names for appointments as federal judges and his continued attempts to have it enacted (1973-1977). Other topics include the ABA committee's unsuccessful attempt to have the nomination of Thomas J. Meskill

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as a judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit voted down (March-April 1975) and Miller's disapproval of U.S. District Judge Willis W. Ritter of Utah (November 28, 1977). Also found in this series is Miller's source material pertaining to Federal Judicial Selection. Included are Miller's own *American Bar Association Journal* articles, "The Responsibility of the Lawyer: Will the Profession Accept It?" (June 1953), "The Continuing Struggle for Good Judges" (February 1955), "Politics and the Courts: The Struggle for Good Judges Goes on" (October 1956),

**Subseries 7, National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (NCCUSL), 1969-1982**

The National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (NCCUSL, now known as the Uniform Law Commission) was established to provide states with the drafting, proposal, and enactment of legislation that is consistent from state to state. Miller was a member of the commission and served on various committees concerning uniform state laws. Included are drafts (with Miller's notations) of uniform and model acts discussed at the Conference meeting in Kauai, Hawaii, in 1980. These acts include Model Real Estate Cooperative Act, Uniform Consent to Health Care Act, Uniform Limited Partnership Act, Uniform Transboundary Pollution Act, Uniform Unclaimed Property Act, Uniform Information Practices Code, Model State Administrative Procedure Act, Uniform Brain Death Act, Uniform Conservation and Preservation Easements Act, Uniform Sentencing and Corrections Act, Uniform Succession without Administration Act, Uniform Extradition and Rendition Act, and Uniform Planned Community Act.

**Subseries 8, ABA Elections/Positions, 1952-1979**

In addition to serving on various ABA sections, Miller also held positions on the ABA House of Delegates and the ABA Board of Governors. A set of four bound volumes, compiled by Miller and entitled ABA House Board, covers Miller's general activities as a member of the House of Delegates since 1952, State Delegate from 1956-1964, and Member of the Board of Governors starting in August 1963. Another set of four bound volumes, these entitled ABA Election, contain newspaper clippings, correspondence, and nominating petitions pertaining to elections to the ABA House of Delegates. The first volume contains a note by Miller discussing the 1958 election of Louisiana's state delegate; the third volume tells the story of the 1966 and 1968 nominations and elections of Chairman of the House of Delegates, and the fourth tells of Miller's candidacy for Assembly Delegate at their annual conventions in 1968, 1969, and 1970. Also included are loose items such as lists of candidates, nominating petitions, and letters of support, congratulations, and regret concerning elections in 1973, 1975, 1976, and 1979.

**Series III. Other Professional Endeavors, 1920-1980****Subseries 1, Baton Rouge Attorney, 1950-1962**

This subseries contains various court briefs by Ben Miller or in which he participated. They include briefs in the U.S. Court of Appeals, 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit; the Supreme Court of the United States; the Louisiana Court of Appeals, 1<sup>st</sup> Circuit; and the Supreme Court of Louisiana.

**Subseries 2, Vice-Consul of Norway, 1952-1960**

In 1952, Miller applied for and was appointed Honorary Vice-Consul of Norway in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. This bound volume compiled by Miller contains correspondence, shipping itineraries, arrival reports (some in Norwegian), and visa and insurance paperwork. Of note is a series of reports and correspondence concerning the death of a Norwegian seaman while on leave in Louisiana (May-July 1956).

**Subseries 3, Louisiana's "Hundred-Mile Chemical Strip," 1920-1967**

Miller was involved in two successful real estate ventures involving the purchase of tracts of land in Burnside and Geismar and their subsequent sale to chemical corporations. In scrapbooks, Miller compiles correspondence, legal papers, plats of land, surveys, and clippings pertaining to these ventures. He titles them, "Louisiana's Hundred-Mile Chemical Strip," two covering the Ormet plant at Burnside, another two the Shell plant at Geismar. While the scrapbooks have been deconstructed for preservation purposes, the original order has been maintained.

**Subseries 4, Baton Rouge City Court Judge, 1976-1978**

Between 1976 and 1978, Miller served as an interim judge of the Baton Rouge City Court. He compiled a scrapbook of clippings, correspondence, orders, oaths of office, and dockets over this time. The scrapbook has been deconstructed for preservation purposes, but the original order maintained.

**Subseries 5, 21<sup>st</sup> Judicial District Court Judge, 1978**

Miller served as interim judge of the 21<sup>st</sup> Judicial District Court in the parishes of Tangipahoa, Livingston, and St. Helena. This scrapbook contains clippings, meeting minutes, correspondence, judgments, and other legal papers from his time in office. The scrapbook has been deconstructed for preservation purposes, but the original order maintained.

**Subseries 6, Baton Rouge Bar Association, 1950**

Miller served as president of the Baton Rouge Bar Association from 1949-1950, and in that time accepted the award from the ABA as the most active chapter in the nation. This subseries contains a file created by Miller outlining the principal activities of the Baton Rouge Bar Association for this time period, divided into public service, improvement of judicial administration, professional service, and supplemental data required by entry rules. The scrapbook has been deconstructed for preservation purposes, but the original order maintained.

**Subseries 7, American College of Probate Counsel, 1962-1980**

Miller served on the Board of Regents of the American College of Probate Counsel (now the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel). Included are his nomination letter and application (1960); minutes of meetings of the board of regents (1969-1974); by-laws (1980); and correspondence, reports, studies, and clippings concerning probate issues in Louisiana and nationally. The scrapbook has been deconstructed for preservation purposes, but the original order maintained.

**Subseries 8, Criminal Justice Institute, 1976-1978**

Miller served as Vice Chancellor of the Board (1977) and then Chancellor (1978) of the Board of the Criminal Justice Institute in Louisiana. Included here are a bound volume of

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the Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Criminal Justice Institute (July 11, 1977), and a deconstructed scrapbook of Miller's tenure there, including a Louisiana Jail Monitoring Report (December 1976), financial statements, grant applications, correspondence, meeting minutes, and newsletters (1976-1978). Miller's original order has been maintained.

**Series IV. Correspondence, 1949-1983**

While correspondence can be found throughout all series, Miller created scrapbooks containing letters from certain distinguished individuals. In a note at the start of these scrapbooks, Miller writes, "...I have personal letters from quite a number of interesting people, and this is a list of many of them. Throughout the bound volumes of my various files, particularly those covering my nine years on the Federal Judiciary Committee of the ABA and the Sections of the ABA on whose councils I served, there are many letters from other persons who were then or later distinguished leaders. Also I have preserved in these volumes letters to me from ladies and gentlemen who were exceedingly kind and generous in their flattering remarks about certain of my activities." The note continues to list all of these correspondents. Some of these include U.S. Presidents Truman, Nixon, and Johnson; U.S. Supreme Court Justices Hugo Black and William H. Rehnquist; district court judges; various Senators and Congressmen including Russell Long and John Breaux; members of the Department of Justice including Watergate prosecutor Leon Jaworski; Louisiana governors including Earl K. Long and Edwin Edwards; FBI personnel including J. Edgar Hoover, notable ABA personalities; Armed Forces personnel; international personages, and numerous others. While the scrapbooks were taken apart for preservation purposes, Miller's original order was maintained. Folder 1 of box 10 contains Miller's full list of correspondents.

In addition to these, Miller created two more scrapbooks, one containing ABA correspondence (1970-1975), and one containing letters of thanks and congratulations for various accomplishments (1949-1983); both are arranged chronologically.

**Series V. Topical Files, 1950-1982**

Miller compiled materials on a number of legal issues over the course of his career. In most cases, he kept files of correspondence and printed materials labeled by topic, and these labels have been maintained. Some of these topical files relate to Miller's membership in ABA sections (and are described in their corresponding series), while others are found here. These include Appellate Courts (1975); Corrections (1976); the Genocide Treaty (1950-1976); Nixon and Watergate (1973-1978); Police (1970); Race and Segregation (1953-1969); Rights (see below); Rules of the Court (1950-1973); Rules of Rule-making (1976-1979); and Vanderbilt, Arthur T. Of note are Miller's scrapbooks pertaining to Richard Nixon, Watergate, and the ABA, particularly Miller's protest of the ABA's censure of Nixon. Miller also created a bound volume of writings, speeches, and printed materials related to Arthur T. Vanderbilt, American judge and judicial reformer.

A large portion of Miller's files concern his research, writing, and discussion of rights. Also included here is a set of 5 bound volumes, along with 3 unbound ones as well as numerous loose items, compiled by Miller entitled, Rights Public and Private (1953-1982). Materials include newspaper clippings, articles, and correspondence pertaining mainly to segregation, civil rights, and states' rights. The first volume is accompanied by a note from Miller explaining his compilation and describing his conservative-leaning views. A general theme throughout these materials regards Miller's opposition to civil disobedience as well as advocating for the rights of

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victims rather than those of the accused. For example, included is a request from the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law with "A Sample of Major Cases from the 1976 Docket" for Miller to support their cause representing the civil rights of those accused of crimes, especially among minority and poor persons. Miller's letter declining the offer expresses his concern that the committee does not address the civil rights of victims of crime, as he puts it, "any effort to eliminate the imbalance favoring civil and constitutional rights of an accused over the civil and constitutional rights of the victims and the public" (December 29, 1976).

The unbound scrapbooks compiled by Miller contain a large number of printed materials (newspaper clippings, journal articles, newsletters) pertaining to civil rights, protests, unrest in cities, and racial violence to name a few topics. While many of the materials relate to other ABA committees or issues addressed elsewhere in the collection, Miller placed them within the context of his Rights Public and Private files. This order has been maintained. Also included within his discussion of rights is his bound volume, "The Constitution -- Whose Rights are Neglected?"

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