

Record Groups AG

Attorney General's Office

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Record Group Descriptions and Related Series:

Record Group Number: AG1

Record Group Name: Attorney General's Office

Historical Note:

The attorney general is the chief law enforcement officer of the Commonwealth, advising and representing it in all matters in which it is a party or has an interest, and representing the public in affirmative litigation to protect public interests. The post was designated as a gubernatorial appointment per Const Pt 2, C 2, S 1, Art 9; then as an elective office per Const Amend Art 17 (ratified 1855). St 1919, c 350, s 33 provided for a Dept. of the Attorney General (MGLA c 12). In its annual reports the unit has been called variously: Attorney General's Dept., Attorney General's Office, and Office of the Attorney General. Its functions are currently described in MGLA c 12.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429640>

Related Series:

Transcripts and exhibits of the Skeels murder trial, 1901-1924 (bulk 1918-1919)

Identifier: AG1/11X

Extent: 0.34 cubic feet (2 document boxes)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80931973>

Opinions, 1863-1987

Identifier: AG1/583

Extent: 1.75 cubic feet (5 document boxes)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Series also includes the Opinion digest, with summaries for opinions issued Mar. 1979-June 1980.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82999024>

Colonel Green case file, 1938-1839

Identifier: AG1/584X
Extent: 10 cubic feet (8 records center boxes)
Notes: Boxes 1-2: Exhibits, Massachusetts witnesses, miscellany.
Boxes 3-4: Texas v. Florida.
Boxes 5-6: Texas v. Massachusetts.
Boxes 7-8: Essex County (N.Y.) Surrogate's Court photostats.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83225965>

Annual reports, 1861-1920

Identifier: AG1/1318
Extent: 1 pamphlet box and 37 volumes
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.
Notes: Public document, no. 12. --Report for 1891 missing.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86123327>

Transcript of the Garrett investigation, 1930

Identifier: AG1/1400X
Extent: 0.35 cubic ft. (2 volumes in 1 document box)
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80093318>

Rochester, N.Y., land claim hearing files, 1787-1926

Identifier: AG1/1519X
Extent: 0.7 cubic feet (2 document boxes)
Arranged: Arranged by material type, thereunder chiefly chronologically.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82744092>

Files relating to the taking of land for enlargement of the State House, 1915-1926 (bulk 1915-1918)

Identifier: AG1/1649X
Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122609916>

Interoffice administration files (Executive Bureau--first assistant attorney general scheduled item), 1980-1989 (bulk 1986-1989)

Identifier: AG1/1673
Extent: 4.1 cubic feet (3 record center boxes and 1 document box)
Arranged: Arranged by topic.

Notes: Also known as: Division/bureau files.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84274172>

Interoffice administration files (Executive Bureau scheduled item), 1987-1990

Identifier: AG1/1675
Extent: 10 cubic ft. (8 record center cartons) and 1 sound cassette (partial box)
Arranged: Arranged by office bureau/division.
Notes: Also known as: Division/bureau files.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82528573>

Speeches and testimony files (Executive Bureau scheduled item), 1987-2005

Identifier: AG1/1676
Extent: 1.05 cubic ft. (3 doc. boxes) and 1 videocassette (partial box)
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.
Notes: Boxes 1-2: James Shannon, 1987-1990.
Box 3: Thomas Reilly, 1999-2005 (bulk 1999-2000)
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/123402193>

Legislative review files (Executive Bureau scheduled item), 1999-2006

Identifier: AG1/1677
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by term, thereunder by subject.
Notes: Box [1]: Thomas Reilly, 1999-2006.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/123379697>

Transition files (Executive Bureau scheduled item), 1985-1987 (bulk 1987).

Identifier: AG1/1678
Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by transition, thereunder by office unit/topic.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81936503>

Administration subject files (Executive Bureau--first assistant attorney general scheduled item), 1982-1989

Identifier: AG1/1680
Extent: 12.5 cubic ft. (10 record center cartons)
Arranged: Arranged by alphabetically by subject.
Notes: Also known as: General files.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78253128>

Initiative petition files (Executive Bureau--first assistant attorney general scheduled item), 1919-1953

Identifier: AG1/1681
Extent: 1.25 cubic ft. (1 record center carton)
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by year.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/85210945>

Conference files (Executive Bureau--constituent office scheduled item), 1988-1989

Identifier: AG1/1684
Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79293005>

Demand reduction program files (Executive Bureau--constituent office scheduled item), 1987-1990 (bulk 1990)

Identifier: AG1/1685
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78113790>

Issue files (Executive Bureau scheduled item), 1987-1990

Identifier: AG1/1687
Extent: 1.6 cubic feet (1 record center carton and 1 document box)
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78770398>

Case logs, 1981-1986

Identifier: AG1/1811
Extent: 2 pamphlet boxes
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.
Notes: Box 1: 1981-1984.
Box 2: 1984-1986.

Sacco and Vanzetti case file, 1919-1976 (bulk 1920-1927)

Restrictions: Publications: Some originals restricted as fragile; access by permission of state archivist or curator of Massachusetts Archives only.

Identifier: AG1/2062X
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box) 1 folder
Arranged: In four subseries and arranged within each subseries chronologically:
(1) Reference
(2) Legal records

(3) Correspondence

(4) Publications

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79322169>

Press release files (Executive Bureau--press scheduled item), 1997-2006

Identifier: AG1/2489

Extent: 2.67 cubic feet (2 record center cartons and 1 document box)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Formerly designated as series N320.

Box 1: L. Scott Harshbarger, 1997; Thomas Reilly, news releases, 1999-2004.

Box 2: Thomas Reilly, news releases, 2005-2006, news coverage, 1999-2004.

Box 3: Thomas Reilly, news coverage, 2004-2005.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/123402196>

Inaugural files (Executive Bureau scheduled item), 1999-2003

Identifier: AG1/2490

Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically by inaugural, thereunder by subject/category.

Notes: Formerly designated as series N317

Box 1: Thomas Reilly, 1999, 2003

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/123420090>

Outgoing correspondence files (Executive Bureau scheduled item), 1999-2006

Identifier: AG1/2491

Extent: 2.5 cubic feet (2 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Formerly designated as series N314

Box 1: Thomas Reilly, 1999-2002.

Box 2: Thomas Reilly, 2002-2006.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/123373680>

Robert L. Woodward, Jr. case file, 1941-1956

Restrictions: Personal medical information restricted by statutory provision; \$dfor conditions of access consult repository; MGLA c 66A.

Identifier: AG1/2698X

Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/976009574>

Murdock W. MacDonald case file, 1952-1953

Identifier: AG1/2699X

Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/976168104>

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Record Group Number: AG2

Record Group Name: Division of Public Charities

Historical Note:

Per Massachusetts St 1899, c 259, every charitable organization whose personal property was exempt from taxation by PS c 11, s 5 was to transmit to the State Board of Charity an annual report showing property, receipts, and expenditures. St 1901, c 405, St 1910, c 181, and St 1919, c 350, s 87/GL 1921, c 180, s 6 (for the board's successor, the Dept. of Public Welfare), provided for the issuance of a certificate of incorporation by the state secretary after an investigation by the board/department into the legality and suitability of purpose of the applicant organization. Per St 1954, c 529, s 1 (currently as in MGLA c 12, ss 8A-M), these responsibilities were passed to a newly established Division of Public Charities in the Attorney General's Office.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/896366190>

Related Series:

Charitable Corporation Filings, 1873-1969

Identifier: AG2/554

Extent: 45 Record Center Boxes and 4 document boxes; 12 reels of microfilm

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/896366190>

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Record Group Number: AG3

Record Group Name: Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance

Historical Note:

The Victim and Witness Assistance Board, established by Massachusetts's Victim Bill of Rights (St 1983, c 694, effective 1984--see currently MGLA c258B), is chaired by the state attorney general. The board governs the Massachusetts Office of Victim Assistance

(MOVA), created in 1984 as the executive office of the board (Minutes, Aug. 28 and Oct. 24, 1984; Apr. 29, 1985). The board and MOVA's functions originally included overseeing collection of funds from convicted criminal offenders and distribution of these grants for state victim services programs created by the act. These state Victim Witness Assistance Fund formula grants largely supported victim/witness assistance programs administered by district attorneys. Grant funds were also used to support the board, MOVA, Parole Board and attorney general victim assistance programs, and direct financial assistance to victims. Board oversight of the fund grants was discontinued per St 1991, c 138, s 212, which allocated appropriations directly to the state offices running the programs.

MOVA continues to administer the Massachusetts portion of the formula grant Victim Assistance Program created by the federal Victims of Crime Act of 1984 (VOCA), using monies collected by the federal Crime Victims Fund. The board and MOVA together review and approve funds given to community-based programs, usually nonprofit direct service and state agencies that help victims (and witnesses) of various crimes including child and elderly abuse, domestic violence, sexual assault, homicide, and drunk driving. Grants provide specialized services including counseling, support groups, advocacy, crisis intervention, training, and direct victim compensation.

MOVA also works with the board in the areas of advocacy, legislation, public policy, training, education, and outreach and acts as a resource to public officials and the interested public. It provides direct support to victims and their families through information, referrals, and crisis counseling.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/180702170>

Related Series:

Victim and Witness Assistance Board meeting packets, 1984-1999 (bulk 1984-1998)

Identifier: AG3/1926
Extent: 0.34 cubic feet (2 document boxes)
Notes: Box 1: 1984-June 1987.
Box 2: July 1987-July 1990.
Box 3: Aug. 1990-May 1994.
Box 4: June 1994-1996.
Box 5: 1997-1999.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84914388>

Program and legislative files, 1984-1991

Identifier: AG3/2453X

Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 record center carton)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79458488>

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