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Abstract

This collection contains materials related to Daniel D. Smith's role in creating the International School of Law, which later became the George Mason University School of Law, including correspondence, publications, faculty and board meeting minutes and foundational principles and policies for the then newly created law school.

Creator

Smith, Daniel D.

Extent

.75 Linear Feet 2 boxes

Repository

George Mason University. Libraries. Special Collections Research Center

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

There are no access restrictions.

Use Restrictions

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Biographical Information

Daniel D. Smith is a lawyer and a co-founder of the International School of Law in 1972, now the George Mason University School of Law. After receiving a law degree at the University of Virginia School of Law in 1969, Smith was admitted to the Virginia Bar and to the District of Columbia Bar shortly thereafter. When the International School of Law opened in 1972, Smith held the position of Administrative Dean. He later served as Acting Dean and then Associate Professor until he moved from teaching to private practice in 1978. He served as a member of the American Bar Association and the Virginia Bar Association and helped found and chaired several organizations, including Young Life of Loudoun County, the Loudoun Vocational Education Fund, and Loudoun Healthcare Foundation.

Scope and Content

This collection contains materials related to Smith's role in creating the International School of Law, which later became the George Mason University School of Law, including correspondence, publications and faculty and board meeting minutes.

Series 1 of this collection provides information on the founding of the law school, the policies it held and the Judeo-Christian principles under which it was founded.

Series 2 contains the minutes from faculty and Board of Trustee meetings, arranged by date. These meetings discussed various topics from faculty appointments and dismissals on how to win American Bar Association accreditation.

Series 3 deals with the accreditation issue more directly. The International School of Law spent years attempting to gain the American Bar Association approval and suffered a number of setbacks and rejections. Series 3 contains the letters between the law school and the Association, suggestions for improvements and the actions taken by the school.

Series 4 contains a number of writings by Daniel Smith, including notes from the Contract Law course he taught for the law school while there.

Series 5 contains a number of publications by the International School of Law, in the form of newsletters, as well as correspondence with several States' Supreme Courts and the Virginia Board of Bar Examiners in attempts to allow their non-accredited graduates to sit for the bar exam. This series also contains material on the mergers and affiliations that the International School of Law tried to develop in order to gain accreditation. The merger with George Mason University is the last and most successful of these.

Series 6 contains information on the day-to-day administration of the International School of Law, complete with hirings and salaries as well as disciplinary action for Deans and professors who were dismissed and replaced during the law schools independency. This last series also contains the personal log book that Smith kept while employed by the law school.

Related Material

The Special Collections Research Center holds other collections pertaining to the establishment of George Mason University and the development of academic departments.

Keywords

Law schools -- United States

Law

Education, Higher -- Virginia

Correspondence

Newsletters

George Mason University

George Mason University--Faculty

International School of Law

Arrangement

Organized into six series.

Missing Title

- Series 1: Principles and Policies, 1972-1977 (Box 1)
- Series 2: Meetings, 1972-1978 (Box 1)
- Series 3: American Bar Association Accreditation, 1972-1978 (Box 1)
- Series 4: Daniel D. Smith, 1970s (Box 1)
- Series 5: International School of Law, 1970s (Box 1)
- Series 6: Administrative and Faculty Matters, 1973-1978 (Box 2)

Description of Subordinate Components

Series 1: Principles and Policies

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/19131

Unit Date 1972-1977

General Physical Description note (4 folders)

Scope and Contents note

This series contains information on the founding of the International School of Law, the principles behind the school and its administrative policies.

Founding and Principles

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/19132

Unit Date 1972-1975

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Declaration of Trust, Christian Basis, Statements of Purpose, Institution's Philosophy

Policies

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/19133

Unit Date 1972-1977 and Undated

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

General Policies, Academic Regulations, Academic Programs

By-Laws and Faculty Manual

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/19134

Unit Date 1975-1977

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Feasibility Study and Self-Studies

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/19135

Unit Date 1977 and Undated

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Series 2: Meetings

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/19136

Unit Date 1972-1978

General Physical Description note (2 folders)

Scope and Contents note

This series contains the minutes from meetings of the faculty and Board of Trustees for the International School of Law.

Faculty Meetings

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/19137

Unit Date November 7, 1972 - May 3, 1978

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Board of Trustees Meetings

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/19138

Unit Date 1973-1976

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Minutes from the Board of Trustees meetings, Deans Annual Reports

Series 3: American Bar Association Accreditation

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/19139

Unit Date 1972-1978

General Physical Description note (2 folders)

Scope and Contents note

This series contains correspondence between the International School of Law and the American Bar

Association, attempts to become accredited, and notes and suggestions how to win Bar approval.

American Bar Association Accreditation

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/19140

Unit Date August, 1972 - December, 1974

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

James P. White, Tightening Accreditation Standards, Recommendations

American Bar Association Accreditation

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/19141

Unit Date January, 1975 - June, 1978

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

International School of Law Relocation and Remodeling, Letters of Recommendation and Rejection, The International School of Law's Critique of the American Bar Association

Series 4: Daniel D. Smith

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/19142

Unit Date 1970s

General Physical Description note (2 folders)

Scope and Contents note

This series contains correspondence and writing by Daniel D. Smith while at the International School of Law.

Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/19143

Unit Date 1973-1976

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Daniel Smith Writings

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/19144

Unit Date 1970s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Notes for Smith's Contract Law class, "Evolution and Jurisprudence", Thoughts on moral law

Series 5: International School of Law

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/19145

Unit Date 1970s

General Physical Description note (3 folders)

Scope and Contents note

This series includes publications by the International School of Law, correspondence with states' Supreme Courts and the Virginia Board of Bar Examiners, and information on International School of Law mergers and affiliations.

International School of Law Publications

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/19146

Unit Date 1974-1976

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

International School of Law Newsletter, International School of Law "Evidence"

States' Supreme Court and Virginia Board of Bar Examiners Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/19147

Unit Date 1975

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Requests for International School of Law graduates to be permitted to sit for bar examinations.

Mergers - Attempted and Successful

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/19148

Unit Date 1970s

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

The Latin American Institute, Southeastern University, George Mason University

Series 6: Administrative and Faculty Matters

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/19149

Unit Date 1973-1978

General Physical Description note (1 box)

Scope and Contents note

This series contains faculty directories, salary information, correspondence between faculty and staff, and incidents among the faculty.

Administrative and Faculty Matters

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/19150

Unit Date March, 1973 - December, 1974

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

John Brabner-Smith, Budget Concerns, John Montgomery, Tony Nania

Administrative and Faculty Matters

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/19151

Unit Date January, 1975 - June, 1978

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Ralph Norvell, Faculty Member Publications, Review of John Brabner-Smith and Dismissal, Daniel D. Smith's Request for Leave of Absence

Daniel D. Smith's Log Book

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/19152

Unit Date Undated

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Scope and Contents note

Personal log book with notes taken while at the International School of Law