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Biographical Information

Leroy R. Hassell was born in Norfolk, Virginia, August 17, 1955 and died in Richmond, Virginia, February 9, 2011. He attended the University of Virginia (B.A., 1977) and Harvard University (J.D., 1980). He practiced law at McGuireWoods in Richmond, Va., from 1980 to 1989 and was a member of the City of Richmond School Board from 1985 to 1989 (chairman, 1986 to 1989). Governor Gerald Baliles appointed Hassell justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia in 1989 to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of John Charles Thomas and he began his service on December 28, 1989. He was elected to a 12-year term by the General Assembly in 1990 and reelected in 2002. In 2003, he was elected to a four-year term as chief justice by the other justices on the court, and reelected in 2007. He resigned as chief justice on January 31, 2011.

Scope and Content

Papers, 1981-2011, of Leroy R. Hassell (b. 1955) relating to work in private practice, his work as a member and chairman of the City of Richmond School Board, and his tenure as justice and chief justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia. The collection includes case files, correspondence, subject files, and speeches. Case files, conference notes, and confidential correspondence are closed until 2031.

Private practice files, 1981-1989 (box 1-7). Correspondence, daily planners, and subject files.

Richmond City School Board, 1985-1991 (box 8). Minutes, July 1, 1983-December 11, 1989; and annual reports, 1875-1976 (photocopy).

Case files, 1990-2011 (box 9-49). The case files include an index to opinions (subject and chronological), concurrences, and dissents written by Hassell; and writ memos, 1994-2011. The case files are closed until 2031.

Chronological correspondence, 1990-2011 (box 53-59). Mostly copies of outgoing letters; daily planners.

Supreme Court of Virginia Business Meeting Files, 2003-2010 (box 60-67). Meeting minutes and meeting materials.

Judicial Council of Virginia Meeting Files, 1998-2010 (box 67-68). Meeting materials and requests for new judgeships.

Committee on District Court Meeting Files, 2003-2010 (box 69-70). Meeting files.

Court ceremonies, 1989-2010. Box 70. Letters and documents pertaining to investitures and retirements of justices.

Clippings, 1987-2009 (box 71).

Counsel and administrative director correspondence, 2003-2008 (box 71-72).

Subject files, 1989-2011 (box 73-86). Subject files include information about court anniversaries and history, appointments of judges, budget requests, case management system, legislation, studies, Commission on Mental Health Law Reform and Commission on Virginia Courts in the 21st Century), e-filing, indigent criminal defense, judicial performance evaluation commission, legislative sessions, magistrate study, pandemic flu preparedness commission, and the Virginia State Bar.

Speeches, 1990-2010 (box 88).

Teaching files, 1992-2005 (box 89-91). Lecture notes from classes taught at the University of Richmond and Regent University and the jurist in residence program at Regent University.

Audio and visual recordings, 1993-2010 (box 92-94).

Photographs, 1996-2011 (box 95-98).

Oversize licenses, commissions, and certificates, 1980-1995 (7 items).

Subseries, 2003-2010 (box 99-109). Advisory Committee on Domestic Violence Issues in the Virginia courts, 2007-2009; American Bar Association Central and East Asia Law Initiative, 1990-2002; Analysis of the draft law on local administrative of the Republic of Moldova, 1993; Commission on Public Access to Records, 2005 (minutes, correspondence); Committee on Fed.-State Jurisdiction (of the Judicial Conference of the U.S.), 2005-2009; E-filing Study Group, 2007 (minutes); Magistrate Study Group, 2003-2007; Mental Health Initiative Core Group, 2006; Pandemic Planning Commission, 2007-2010; State-Federal Judicial Council of Virginia, 1993-2009; Virginia State Bar Executive Committee, 2008-2010; Virginia Drug Treatment Advisory Committee, 2004-2008.

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