

The Filson Historical Society

**Law Club (Louisville, Ky.)
Records, 1915-2022**

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Size of Collection:
3.75 cubic feet in 4 boxes

Location Number:
Mss. BO L415

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Scope and Content Note

Collection contains the records of the Law Club, an organization formed in Louisville, Kentucky, in 1915 to advance the interests of the younger members of the Louisville Bar and to promote legal scholarship and social interaction among its members. Records include meeting minutes and correspondence, as well as lists of members and monthly speakers. At each meeting, a member of the Club would present a paper on a legal topic of interest. Meeting minutes contain a summary of the paper presented during the session, and in some instances, a copy of the talk was filed with the minutes. Also included are eulogies composed to remember members who passed away. The collection also contains menus from Club dinners, including a few from the Pendennis Club and the River Valley Club. Finally, there are documents relating to collecting dues from the membership, other bills and financial statements, and a copy of the Club's constitution and bylaws.

Folder 61a contains a floppy disk with digital files, ca. 1994-1996. Used by the Law Club secretary, these files include meeting notices, speaker lists, attendance sheets, and membership documents. Copies of the files have been retained on the Filson's server: O:\DIGITAL COLLECTIONS - Reference Room Access\Mss. BO L415 – Law Club records

Photographs have been separated to the Filson photo collection.

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Historical Note

The actual beginning of the Law Club is unknown, the early records having been lost, misplaced, or destroyed many years ago. The Club was conceived of at least as early as 1915 in Louisville, Kentucky, with the “Rules,” or constitution, being drafted sometime in 1915. The organization was officially named the Junior Lawyers’ Club, although common usage resulted in the name “Law Club” replacing it. The first formal meeting was held in January 1916. Following its beginning in 1915 and after meeting through 1916, the Club apparently disbanded in 1917 for the duration of World War I, reforming in 1919 after the war’s conclusion. The earliest known minutes, those of November 20, 1919, state that a meeting was called “for the purpose of reorganizing and carrying on the work that the club was engaged in previous to the outbreak of the war.”

The purpose of the Club, according to the “Rules” was “to advance the interests of the younger members of the Louisville Bar; to increase and encourage the legal scholarship and the social intercourse of its members.” The active membership was limited to 25 members of the Louisville Bar licensed to practice law for less than 10 years. In addition to active members, there was a provision for honorary members consisting of distinguished persons and those who have been active members of the Club for as many as 10 years. The Club met monthly, with the membership taking turns presenting papers. A copy of these papers was to be placed in the Law Club archives, although this did not always occur.

As of 2022, the Law Club continues to gather monthly (with allowances for the COVID pandemic) for discussion and socializing.

From: Revell, Richard A. “A History of the Law Club.”

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