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MG 161 - R.C. Carter fonds

Dates: nd, 1949-1992 (inclusive).

Extent: 35 cm of textual material.

Biography: Roger C. Carter, born in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan on 23 March 1922 received his early education in Victoria, British Columbia before attending the University of Saskatchewan where he earned a B.A. in 1945 and a LL.B. in 1947, both with distinction. In his final year of law he was awarded the Thomas Dowrick Brown Prize as the most distinguished member of the graduating class. Mr. Carter practised law in Saskatoon from 1949 until July of 1963 when he was appointed associate professor of law at the U of S. The following year he was promoted to professor. During his years of private practise he was a member of the Graham Royal Commission, special counsel for the Labour Relations Board, counsel for the Royal Commission inquiring into Prudential Trust mineral transactions, counsel for the Province of Saskatchewan before the MacPherson Royal Commission on Transportation and a member of the University's Board of Governors. In 1958 he was appointed Queen's Counsel. Professor Carter was granted leave in 1967-68 to assume the Cook Fellowship at the University of Michigan School of Law, where he was subsequently awarded master of laws degree. From 1969 until 1974 Professor Carter served as Dean of the College of Law. During this time, Carter was instrumental in the creation of Saskatchewan's Legal Aid system and the Native Law Centre, of which he became the first director. In 1981 he was honoured by Queen's University with an LL.D. Dr. Carter retired in 1989 and passed away in 2009.

Scope and content: This fonds contains correspondence, clippings, financial records, reports, and notes pertaining to the activities and interests of R.C. Carter.

Arrangement: This fonds is organized alphabetically.

Restrictions: Files marked RESTRICTED require vetting by the archivist prior to release. All restrictions are applied as per privacy legislation. Copyright restrictions also apply.

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1. Appointment. - 1963.
To the University of Saskatchewan as associate professor of law.
2. Constitutional Reference. – 1990 - 1991. – 8 cm. -5 folders.
This case, sponsored by a non-profit corporate body comprised of Saskatchewan citizens, challenged the report of a provincial electoral boundaries committee.
 - a) General. -1990-1991.
 - b) Court Documents. -1990-1991.
 - c) Supreme Court - Appeal. -1991.
 - d) Supreme Court - Documents. -1991.
 - e) Supreme Court - Factum. -1991.
3. Dean of Law. - 1968-1977. - 4 cm. - 3 folders.
 - a) General. - 1972-1976.
Re resignation and replacement as Dean.
 - b) Administration. - 1971-1977.
Re curriculum, examinations, finances and relations in the College.
 - c) Personal. - 1968-1969.
Mainly letters of congratulation on appointment as Dean.
4. Elections. - 1949, 1962.
Although this file relates to Carter's candidacy in the federal campaign in Prince Albert, there is a clipping referring to his candidacy in the Saskatoon civic election in 1949.
5. Honourary Degree. - 1981.
Re acceptance, arrangements and presentation by Queen's University.
6. Lawyers for Equal Justice. - 1973-1992. – 11 cm. - 7 folders.
These lawyers, on behalf of the Elizabeth Fry Society, commenced legal proceedings in 1987 concerning the legality of the compulsory contribution scheme instituted by the Legal Aid Commission. Carter maintained his involvement in legal aid, serving as general counsel and subsequently in this action.
 - a) General. - 1987-1988.
 - b) Saskatchewan Community Legal Services Plan. - 1973-1975.
 - c) Report of the Legal Aid Committee. - 1973. - 2 folders. (pt.1 and pt.2)
 - d) Appellant's Factum. - 1987.
 - e) Case Book. - 1987.
 - f) Appeal Book. - 1988.

- g) Report - Saskatchewan Legal Aid Review Committee. - 1992.
7. Legal Practice. - 1959-1964.
Agreement, balance sheets and financial statements, etc. re the firm of Makaroff, Carter, Surtees & Sherstobitoff.
 8. P.G. Makaroff Trust. - 1970-1983.
Trust agreement, financial management and distribution of monies under the World Federalist Prize.
 9. Medicare Crisis. - 1962.
Re Otto E. Lang's and J.M. Goldenberg's roles in a final settlement.
 10. Miscellaneous. - 1962-1966.
Correspondence with a variety of individuals and groups on a number of legal and personal matters.
 11. Native Law. - 1972-1983.
Re development and operation of the summer program.
 12. Post-Graduate Course. - 1961-1968. – **RESTRICTED.**
Re enrolment in University of Michigan Law School.
 13. University of Michigan. - nd-1975.
Re graduates, dissertation, etc.