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**Sydney Robins fonds. -- 1944-1948, 1960, 1973-2006,
[Photocopied 2009]. -- 5 cm of textual records, 14 photographs :
b&w and col. ; 21.6 x 27.9 cm or smaller**

Biographical/Sketch/Administrative History

Sydney Lewis Robins was born in Toronto, Ontario, to Samuel Robins and Bessie Kamarner. He graduated from the University of Toronto in 1944, and was admitted to Osgoode Hall Law School that same year. He was called to the Bar of Ontario in September 1947. Robins received an LL.M. degree from Harvard University in 1948. Robins served as a special lecturer on torts at Osgoode Hall Law School from 1948 to 1960, and participated in many continuing legal education sessions for the Law Society. He was appointed a Queen's Counsel in 1962. Robins was first elected a bencher of the Law Society of Upper Canada in 1961, and served as its Treasurer from 1971 to 1974. Robins was appointed to the Supreme Court of Ontario in 1976, and to the Court of Appeal for Ontario in 1981. Robins served on several Ontario provincial commissions, and arbitrated a TTC labour dispute. Following his retirement from the bench in 1998, Robins joined the law firm of Goodmans LLP. He has served as Chair of the Law Foundation of Ontario, and has been active in the Canadian Bar Association.

Scope and Content

Fonds consists of records relating to the legal career of Sydney Lewis Robins. Included in the fonds are press clippings, speeches, photographs, and correspondence.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access, except for one file of correspondence which requires the permission of the corporate secretary.

Arrangement

The fonds is arranged in four series.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the fonds.

PF188-1 Press clippings. -- [Photocopied 2009]. -- 4.5 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

Series consists of photocopies of press clippings relating to the legal career of Sydney Robins. The clippings largely pertain to the period Robins served as Treasurer of the Law Society, his appointment to the bench, and various matters he was involved with while on the bench, including the inquiry of Judge Harry Williams, legislation permitting full funding for Roman Catholic schools, and a Toronto Transit Commission labour arbitration.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Arrangement

The clippings have been arranged in chronological order. Clippings that are undated have been arranged at the beginning of the series.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the series.

2009031-001 Press clippings - undated. -- [Photocopied 2009]

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the file.

2009031-002 Press clippings - 1961. -- [Photocopied 2009]

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the file.

2009031-003 Press clippings - 1968. -- [Photocopied 2009]

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the file.

2009031-004 Press clippings - 1971. -- [Photocopied 2009]

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the file.

2009031-005 Press clippings - 1972. -- [Photocopied 2009]

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the file.

2009031-006 Press clippings - 1973. -- [Photocopied 2009]

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the file.

2009031-007 Press clippings - 1974. -- [Photocopied 2009]

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the file.

2009031-008 Press clippings - 1975. -- [Photocopied 2009]

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the file.

2009031-009 Press clippings - 1976. -- [Photocopied 2009]

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the file.

2009031-010 Press clippings - 1977. -- [Photocopied 2009]

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the file.

2009031-011 Press clippings - 1978. -- [Photocopied 2009]

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

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2009031-012 Press clippings - 1979. -- [Photocopied 2009]

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the file.

2009031-013 Press clippings - 1980. -- [Photocopied 2009]

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the file.

2009031-014 Press clippings - 1981. -- [Photocopied 2009]

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the file.

2009031-015 Press clippings - 1985. -- [Photocopied 2009]

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the file.

2009031-016 Press clippings - 1986. -- [Photocopied 2009]

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the file.

2009031-017 Press clippings - 1987. -- [Photocopied 2009]

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the file.

2009031-018 Press clippings - 1989. -- [Photocopied 2009]

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the file.

2009031-019 Press clippings - 1991. -- [Photocopied 2009]

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the file.

2009031-020 Press clippings - 1992. -- [Photocopied 2009]

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the file.

2009031-021 Press clippings - 1994. -- [Photocopied 2009]

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the file.

PF188-2 Speeches. -- [Photocopied 2009]. -- 12 p.

Scope and Content

Series consists of two speeches maintained by Sydney L. Robins.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Arrangement

The speeches have been arranged in chronological order.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the series.

2009031-022 Remarks of Sydney L. Robins, Q.C. Treasurer of the Law Society of Upper Canada. -- [Photocopied 2009]. -- 6 p.

Scope and Content

Item is a speech given by Sydney L. Robins, Treasurer of the Law Society, at the Opening of the Courts on January 10th, 1972.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

2009031-023 Statement by the Honourable David Peterson, Premier of Ontario, on abolition and revocation of the Letters Patent of a Queen's Counsel to the Legislature. -- [Photocopied 2009]. -- 6 p.

Scope and Content

Item is a speech given by David Peterson, Premier of Ontario, on December 10th, 1985.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

PF188-3 Photographs. -- 1973-2006. -- 14 photographs : b&w and col. ; 21.6 x 27.9 cm or smaller

Scope and Content

Series consists of photographs maintained by Sydney L. Robins. The photographs relate to various legal events attended by Robins, including class reunions and dinners. Several photographs relate to his status as a former Treasurer of the Law Society.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Arrangement

The photographs have been arranged in chronological order.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the series.

2009031-01P Photograph of Sydney Robins, Bora Laskin and Samuel Freedman. -- 1973. -- 1 photograph : b&w ; 12.6 x 17.7 cm



Scope and Content

Item is a group photograph of Sydney Robins (Treasurer), Justice Bora Laskin (Supreme Court of Canada), and Samuel Freedman (Chief Justice of Manitoba) at a Jewish community dinner honouring Laskin. Robins served as Chair of the dinner.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the image.

2009031-02P Photograph of dinner honouring G. Arthur Martin. -- 14 June 1974. -- 1 photograph : col. ; 20.2 x 25.3 cm



Scope and Content

Item is a group photograph of the attendees at a dinner honouring G. Arthur Martin, on the occasion of the unveiling of a bronze bust of Martin sculpted by Kenneth Jarvis. The event was held at the Royal York Hotel.

Front row (left to right): ?, J.J. Robinette, ?, ?, Bora Laskin, G. Arthur Martin, ?, ?, Charles Dubin, ?, Sydney Robins, ?.

Middle row (left to right): ?, ?, Robert J. Carter, ?, ?, ?, ?, ?, Barry Pepper, ?, ?.

Back row (left to right): ?, ?, ?, R. Roy McMurtry, ?, ?, John Bowlby, ?, ?, ?, ?, ?.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the image.

2009031-03P Photograph of W. David Griffiths, Sydney Robins, and George Finlayson. -- May 1990. -- 1 photograph : col. ; 10.1 x 14.9 cm



Scope and Content

Item is a group photograph of Justice W. David Griffiths, Justice Sydney Robins, and Justice George Finlayson, taken during the Advocates' Society trip to Russia in May of 1990. The photograph was taken in St. Petersburg, Russia.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the image.

2009031-04P Photograph of Peter Cory and Sydney Robins. -- 1991. -- 1 photograph : col. ; 14.9 x 10.1 cm

Scope and Content

Item is a photograph of Peter Cory and Sydney Robins standing outside a building in Cambridge, England.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the image.

2009031-05P Griffiths retirement dinner, University Club - December 8, 1995. -- 8 Dec. 1995. -- 1 photograph : col. ; 20.3 x 25.1 cm



Scope and Content

Item is a group photograph of the attendees at the retirement dinner for W. David Griffiths, held at the University Club. An identification key is printed on the recto of the print.

Row 1 (left to right) : Hon. J.J. Fitzpatrick, Hon. G.T. Evans, R.R. McMurtry, C.L. Dubin, Hon. W.D. Griffiths, J.W. Morden, Hon. W.Z. Estey, Hon. W.D. Parker.

Row 2 (left to right) : J.J. Carthy, A.R. Dubin, S.L. Robins, L. Arbour, B. O'Brien, Hon. W.G. Gray, H.M. McKinlay, H. Krever.

Row 3 (left to right) : M.A. Sanderson, Hon. R.E. Holland, E.E. Frank, J.M. Labrosse, E.A. Cronk, J.T. DesBrisay, P.J. Philp, L.T. Taman.

Row 4 (left to right) : J.B.S. Southey, Hon. P.T. Galligan, Hon. S.G.M. Grange, E.A. Cherniak, T.H. Wickett, J.W. O'Brien, K.E. Howie, W.G. Dutton, P.W. Benson, A.W. Maloney.

Row 5 (left to right) : T.H. Rachlin, G.G. Dickson, L.J. Griffiths, Hon. J.H. Osler, B. Raphael, B.A. Percival, K.G. Crompton, P. Webb, N. Dyson, J.I. Laskin, and E.R. Murray.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title printed on recto of print.

2009031-06P Photograph of Law Society Medal recipients. -- 20 Sept. 2000. -- 1 photograph : col. ; 10.1 x 28.0 cm

Scope and Content

Item is a group photograph of Treasurer Robert Armstrong and recipients of the 2000 Law Society Medal. The image is slightly blurred.

Depicted left to right are : Professor Jean-Gabriel Castel, Sydney Robins, Treasurer Robert Armstrong, Owen Shime, Gretta Grant, Gordon Farquharson, and Geri Sanson.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the image.

2009031-07P Photograph of Treasurer Robert Armstrong and former Treasurers. -- 24 May 2001. -- 1 photograph : col. ; 25.4 x 20.3 cm



Scope and Content

Item is a group photograph of Treasurer Robert Armstrong and the former Treasurers, taken on the occasion of John Arnup's 90th birthday. The photograph was taken on the landing in the Benchers' Quarters.

Back row (left to right) : Lee Ferrier, Arthur Scace, Paul Lamek.

Middle row (left to right) : George Finlayson, Sydney Robins, Laura Legge, W. Gibson Gray.

Front row (left to right) : E. Susan Elliott, John D. Arnup, Brendan O'Brien, Treasurer Robert Armstrong, Harvey Strosberg.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the image.

2009031-08P A.C.J.O. Coulter Osborne retirement party, Court of Appeal for Ontario. -- 20 Sept. 2001. -- 1 photograph : col. ; 21.6 x 27.9 cm



Scope and Content

Item is a photograph showing a collage of different photographs taken at the

retirement party for Justice Coulter Osborne from the Court of Appeal for Ontario.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title printed on recto of print.

2009031-09P Photograph of Osgoode Hall Law School class of 1947 reunion. -- 2002. -- 1 photograph : col. ; 12.6 x 17.7 cm



Scope and Content

Item is a group photograph of the attendees at the 55th anniversary reunion of the Osgoode Hall Law School class of 1947. Sydney Robins is standing 6th from the left.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the image.

2009031-10P Photograph of Treasurer Frank Marrocco and benchers. -- 2005. -- 1 photograph : col. ; 20.2 x 25.3 cm



Scope and Content

Item is a group photograph of Treasurer Frank Marrocco and the benchers of the Law Society of Upper Canada. The photograph was taken in front of the First World War memorial in the Great Library of Osgoode Hall.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the image.

2009031-11P Class of 1956: 50th reunion. -- 2006. -- 1 photograph : col. ; 20.2 x 25.3 cm



Scope and Content

Item is a group photograph of attendees at the 50th anniversary reunion of the Osgoode Hall Law School class of 1956. Sydney Robins is seated in the front row, 5th from the left.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title printed on recto of the print.

2009031-12P Photograph of Treasurer Gavin MacKenzie and former Treasurers. -- 2006. -- 1 photograph : col. ; 20.3 x 25.3 cm



Scope and Content

Item is a group photograph of Treasurer Gavin MacKenzie and the former Treasurers of the Law Society of Upper Canada. The photograph was taken in Convocation Room.

Seated (left to right) : Sydney Robins, Laura Legge, Treasurer Gavin MacKenzie, George Finlayson.

Standing (left to right) : Harvey Strosberg, W. Dan Chilcott, Arthur Scace, Frank Marrocco, Vern Krishna, Lee Ferrier, E. Susan Elliott, James Spence, Robert Armstrong.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the image.

2009031-13P Photograph of William G.C. Howland, Tom Callon, Sydney Robins, G. Arthur Martin, and W.B. Common. -- [Reproduced between 2000 and 2009]. -- 1 photograph : col. ; 20.3 x 25.5 cm



Scope and Content

Item is a group photograph of William G.C. Howland, Tom Callon, Sydney Robins, G. Arthur Martin, and W.B. Common, taken at a legal aid office.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the image.

2009031-14P Photograph of Sydney Robins. -- [between 2000 and 2009]. -- 1 photograph : col. ; 10.2 x 15.3 cm



Scope and Content

Item is a photograph of Sydney Robins.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the image.

PF188-4 Correspondence. -- 1944-1948, 1960, 1973. -- 0.5 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

Series consists of letters and telegrams received by Sydney Robins, largely relating to teaching and marking at Osgoode Hall Law School and offers of teaching positions.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access, except one file which requires the permission of the corporate secretary.

Arrangement

The files and items in the series have been arranged in chronological order.

Title Notes

Title based on content of the series.

2013036-001 Letter from University College. -- 7 June 1944. -- 1 p.

Scope and Content

Item is a letter from Malcolm W. Wallace, Principal of University College, Toronto, congratulating Robins on first class standing in the honours course on law and being awarded the Labour Research Institute Prize in Industrial Law.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on content of the item.

2013036-002 Letter from the Law Society of Upper Canada. -- 25 June 1945. -- 1 p.

Scope and Content

Item is a letter from W. Earl Smith, Secretary of the Law Society of Upper Canada, forwarding Robins a cheque for the scholarship awarded to him at the first year examinations.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on content of the item.

2013036-003 Letter from the Law Society of Upper Canada. -- 25 Sept. 1946. -- 1 p.

Scope and Content

Item is a letter from W. Earl Smith, Secretary of the Law Society of Upper Canada, forwarding Robins payment for his assistance to ex-servicemen on the subject of bills and notes.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on content of the item.

2013036-004 Letter from the Law Society of Upper Canada. -- 25 Oct. 1946. -- 1 p.

Scope and Content

Item is a letter from W. Earl Smith, Secretary of the Law Society of Upper Canada, inviting Robins to a dinner for the instructors under the office training arrangements.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on content of the item.

2013036-005 Letter from Osgoode Hall Law School. -- 30 Oct. 1946. -- 1 p.

Scope and Content

Item is a copy of a letter from John D. Falconbridge, Dean of Osgoode Hall Law School, regarding Robins

being approved as an applicant to the Viscount Bennett Trust.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on content of the item.

2013036-006 Letter from the Law Society of Upper Canada. -- 25 Feb. 1947. -- 1 p.

Scope and Content

Item is a letter from W. Earl Smith, Secretary of the Law Society of Upper Canada, forwarding Robins a cheque for his services with the practice groups.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on content of the item.

2013036-007 Letter from W.E. Hanna. -- 21 Sept. 1947. -- 1 p.

Scope and Content

Item is a letter from W.E. Hanna, former Principal of Oakwood Collegiate Institute, congratulating Robins on his fellowship at Harvard Law School.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on content of the item.

2013036-008 Letter from Osgoode Hall Law School. -- 3 Dec. 1947. -- 1 p.

Scope and Content

Item is a letter from Osgoode Hall Law School enquiring whether Robins would assist in marking the constitutional law papers.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on content of the item.

2013036-009 Letter from Cecil A. Wright. -- 22 Mar. 1948. -- 1 p.

Scope and Content

Item is a letter from Cecil Wright, Dean of Osgoode Hall Law School, thanking Robins for his letter on the appointment as dean.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on content of the item.

2013036-010 Letters from the University of British Columbia. -- May 1948. -- 2 p.

Scope and Content

File consists of letters from G.F. Curtis, Dean of the Faculty of Law, University of British Columbia, regarding an enquiry as to whether Robins has given any thought to teaching.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on content of the file.

2013036-011 Telegram from Cecil Wright. -- 4 May 1948. -- 1 p.

Scope and Content

Item is a telegram from Cecil A. Wright enquiring whether Robins might consider a full time teaching appointment.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on content of the item.

2013036-012 Telegram from Cecil Wright. -- 7 May 1948. -- 1 p.

Scope and Content

Item is a telegram from Cecil A. Wright enquiring whether Robins can help him mark wills and trusts papers.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on content of the item.

2013036-013 Letter from the Law Society of Upper Canada. -- 27 Oct. 1948. -- 1 p.

Scope and Content

Item is a letter from W. Earl Smith, Secretary of the Law Society of Upper Canada, forwarding Robins a cheque for his salary related to lectures on torts.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on content of the item.

2013036-014 Letter from Cecil A. Wright. -- 23 Dec. 1948. -- 1 p.

Scope and Content

Item is a letter from Cecil A. Wright, Dean of Osgoode Hall Law School, forwarding Robins a cheque for his services regarding torts.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on content of the item.

2013036-015 Letter from John D. Arnup. -- 21 Mar. 1960. -- 1 p.

Scope and Content

Item is a letter from John D. Arnup, Chairman of the Legal Education Committee, regarding Robins' resignation as a special lecturer at Osgoode Hall Law School.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on content of the item.

2013036-016 Letter from H. Allan Leal. -- 19 Aug. 1960. -- 1 p.

Scope and Content

Item is a letter from H. Allan Leal, Dean of Osgoode Hall Law School, thanking Robins for his contributions over the years.

Restrictions

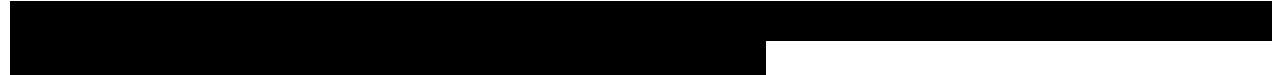
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Title Notes

Title based on content of the item.

2013036-017 Letters with Dalton Bales. -- 1973. -- 5 p.

Scope and Content



Restrictions

Access by external researchers requires the permission of the corporate secretary.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the file.