



The Law Society
of Upper Canada

Barreau du
Haut-Canada

FINDING AID FOR

Wilson David Griffiths fonds

PF43

Summary

The "Wilson David Griffiths fonds" Fonds contains:

0 Subgroups or Sous-fonds

4 Series

0 Sub-series

0 Sub-sub-series

6 Files

0 File parts

30 Items

0 Components

Table of Contents

Biographical/Sketch/Administrative History.....	5
Scope and Content.....	5
Languages.....	5
Restrictions.....	5
Arrangement.....	5
Title Notes.....	5
PF43-1 Speeches and papers	6
2004050-001 Speech for doctors in October	6
2004050-002 A view from the bench: characteristics of the successful negotiator	6
2004050-003 Call to the Bar ceremony	6
2004050-004 Negligence and fraud - symptoms of malaise	6
2004050-005 Toronto call to Bar 1984	6
2004050-006 Address	6
2004050-007 Remarks at call to Bar - London	7
2004050-008 The retirement of John Bowlby from the bench	7
2004050-009 Address at call to the Bar ceremony	7
2004050-010 Speech for the Honourable Chief Justice of the High Court W.D. Parker	7
2004050-011 Remarks at the call to the bar - Ottawa	7
2004050-012 Presentation of the Advocates' Society Medal to Charles F. McKeon, Q.C.	7
2004050-013 Advocates' Society dinner: thirtieth anniversary	7
2004050-014 What a trial judge looks for in counsel	7
2004050-015 The role of the trial advocate in the trial process	8
2004050-016 Some observations of a two-and-a-half year-old judge	8
2004050-017 Contempt of court by lawyers	8
2004050-018 The Medico-Legal Society of Toronto	8
2004050-019 Address	8
2004050-020 Address for advocacy course	8
2004050-021 Fresh stories	8
2004050-022 History of the Advocates' Society	9
PF43-2 Published material	9
2004050-023 Quality of trial lawyers hit by judge	9
2004050-024 The reported decisions of Mr. Justice W. David Griffiths: volume I: the early years (1975-1979)	9
2004050-025 The reported decisions of Mr. Justice W. David Griffiths: volume II: the eighties (1980-1987)	9
2004050-026 The reported decisions of Mr. Justice W. David Griffiths: volume III: the Court of Appeal (1988-1995)	10
2004050-027 Civil jury charges	10
2004050-028 CIAJ newsletter	10
PF43-3 Photographs	10
2004050-01P Osgoode Hall class of '51, 15 year reunion - Toronto 1966	10
2004050-02P Photograph of unidentified group	10
2004050-03P Photograph of unidentified group	11
2004050-04P Photograph of unidentified group	11
2004050-05P Grange retirement dinner	11

2004050-06P Château Bromont 1996	11
PF43-4 Letter and seminar material	11
2004050-029 Letter from Laura Legge to Justice Griffiths	12
2004050-030 Suggested programme for seminar at Yellowknife	12

PF43

Wilson David Griffiths fonds. -- 1966-1996. -- 21.5 cm of textual records, 6 photographs : b&w and col. ; 20.2 cm x 42.6 cm or smaller

Biographical/Sketch/Administrative History

Wilson David Griffiths was born on May 28th, 1925, in Owen Sound, Ontario, to Leonard Whitney Griffiths and Jean Davidson. During the Second World War, Griffiths served with the Royal Canadian Air Force (1943-1944) as a Leading Aircraftman and with the Army (1944-1945) as a corporal. After earning an LLB degree from the University of Toronto, Griffiths was admitted to Osgoode Hall Law School in 1948, and was called to the Bar in 1951. Griffiths was appointed a Queen's Counsel in 1961. In 1972, Griffiths was elected a bencher of the Law Society of Upper Canada and served in this capacity until his appointment to the bench in 1975. Griffiths served in various Ontario courts, including the High Court of Justice (1975-1987), the Supreme Court of Ontario Court of Appeal (1987-1990), and the Court of Appeal for Ontario (1990-1992). In 1992, he was appointed a Supernumerary Justice of the Court of Appeal for Ontario. Griffiths died on June 21st, 2004.

Scope and Content

Fonds consists of records relating to the judicial career of Wilson David Griffiths. The fonds includes speeches, papers, published material, photographs, a letter and other material.

Languages

Some of the records are in French.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Arrangement

Fond is arranged in four series.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the fonds.

PF43-1 Speeches and papers. -- [1975?]-[1995?]. -- 10 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

Series consists of speeches and writings given by Wilson David Griffiths and other individuals.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Arrangement

Series is arranged chronologically.

Title Notes

Title based on content of series.

2004050-001 Speech for doctors in October. -- 1980. -- 1 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

File consists of an annotated draft and a final version of a speech prepared by W.D. Griffiths.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

2004050-002 A view from the bench: characteristics of the successful negotiator. -- [ca. 1981]. -- 1 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

File consists of an annotated draft and a final version of a speech written by W. David Griffiths.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

2004050-003 Call to the Bar ceremony. -- 11 Apr. 1983. -- 22 p.

Scope and Content

File consists of an annotated draft and a final version of a speech prepared for the call to the Bar ceremony in London, Ontario, with a subtitle of "Treasure the client".

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

2004050-004 Negligence and fraud - symptoms of malaise. -- 1984. -- 26 p.

Scope and Content

Item is an address delivered by Kenneth Jarvis, Secretary of the Law Society of Upper Canada, as part of the Meredith Memorial Lectures at McGill University. Attached to the item are two memoranda, from John D. Arnup and Lyn Archbold.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

2004050-005 Toronto call to Bar 1984. -- 1984. -- 11 p.

Scope and Content

Item is a speech presented during a call to the Bar ceremony in Toronto.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

2004050-006 Address. -- Mar. 1984. -- 17 p.

Scope and Content

Item is an annotated speech, believed to have been given to the graduating class of the law school of Queen's University.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on content of the item.

2004050-007 Remarks at call to Bar - London. -- 12 Apr. 1984. -- 8 p.

Scope and Content

File consists of an annotated draft and a final version of a speech prepared for a call to the Bar ceremony in London, Ontario.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

2004050-008 The retirement of John Bowlby from the bench. -- 1988. -- 3 p.

Scope and Content

Item is an annotated draft version of a speech given at the occasion of the retirement of John Bowlby.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

2004050-009 Address at call to the Bar ceremony. -- 29 Mar. 1989. -- 10 p.

Scope and Content

Item is an address presented at the call to the Bar ceremony in Ottawa by Chief Justice W.G.C. Howland.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title is abbreviation of actual title.

2004050-010 Speech for the Honourable Chief Justice of the High Court W.D. Parker. -- 11 Apr. 1989. -- 12 p.

Scope and Content

Item is a speech presented at a dinner to recognise the retirement of Chief Justice William D. Parker.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on content of the item.

2004050-011 Remarks at the call to the bar - Ottawa. -- 28 Mar. 1990. -- 13 p.

Scope and Content

Item is an address prepared for the call to the Bar ceremony in Ottawa.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

2004050-012 Presentation of the Advocates' Society Medal to Charles F. McKeon, Q.C.. -- 19 June 1990. -- 14 p.

Scope and Content

Item is an annotated version of a speech prepared for the presentation of the Advocates' Society Medal to Charles F. McKeon.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

2004050-013 Advocates' Society dinner: thirtieth anniversary. -- 4 Mar. 1994. -- 13 p.

Scope and Content

Item is an address prepared for the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the Advocates' Society.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

2004050-014 What a trial judge looks for in counsel. -- [ca. 1975]. -- 2 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

File consists of two papers written by W. David Griffiths entitled "What a trial judge looks for in counsel"

and "Some observations of a two-and-a-half year-old judge". The file also includes photocopied research material.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

2004050-015 The role of the trial advocate in the trial process. -- [ca. 1977]. -- 2.5 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

File consists of a final version and two annotated draft versions of a paper written by W. David Griffiths.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

2004050-016 Some observations of a two-and-a-half year-old judge. -- [ca. 1977]. -- 2 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

Item is an annotated version of a paper by W. David Griffiths entitled "Some observations of a two-and-a-half year-old judge".

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

2004050-017 Contempt of court by lawyers. -- [ca. 1983]. -- 23 p.

Scope and Content

Item is a paper written by W. David Griffiths addressing the issue of contempt of court.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

2004050-018 The Medico-Legal Society of Toronto. -- [ca. 1988]. -- 17 p.

Scope and Content

Item is a speech presented to the Medico-Legal Society of Toronto by Jackson L. Chercover, Q.C. The speech addresses the history of the society and co-operation between medical and legal professionals.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

2004050-019 Address. -- [between 1975 and 1995]. -- 16 p.

Scope and Content

Item is a speech that recounts light-hearted incidents in trials.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on content of item.

2004050-020 Address for advocacy course. -- [between 1975 and 1995]. -- 41 p.

Scope and Content

Item is a speech prepared for a five-day course on advocacy. The speech addresses the importance of lawyers' demeanour in the courtroom, presentation to the judge, cross examination and other matters.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on content of item.

2004050-021 Fresh stories. -- [between 1975 and 1995]. -- 3 p.

Scope and Content

Item is a listing of anecdotes and jokes.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

2004050-022 History of the Advocates' Society. -- [between 1975 and 1995]. -- 18 p.

Scope and Content

Item is a paper by W. David Griffiths, Charles McKeon and Robert Montgomery addressing the history of the Advocates' Society. The paper discusses the organisational meetings in 1962, its incorporation as a non-profit organisation, recruitment, meetings and awarding the Advocates' Society Medal.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Complete title is "History of the Advocates' Society (as recalled by Griffiths with a lot of help from Charles McKeon and Robert Montgomery)".

PF43-2 Published material. -- 1980, 1995-1996. -- 8.5 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

Series consists of four published volumes, one newsletter and one clipping relating to the judicial career of Wilson David Griffiths.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Arrangement

The series is arranged in chronological order.

Title Notes

Title based on content of series.

2004050-023 Quality of trial lawyers hit by judge. -- 15 Nov. 1980. -- 1 p.

Scope and Content

Item is a newspaper article written by Larry Still and printed in the "Vancouver Sun" regarding an address given by Justice Wilson David Griffiths in Vancouver. The speech criticised the decreasing standards of professional skills among lawyers, such as the inability to present facts and to cross-examine witnesses.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

2004050-024 The reported decisions of Mr. Justice W. David Griffiths: volume I: the early years (1975-1979). -- 24 Nov. 1995. -- 1.5 cm of textual records (1 v.)

Scope and Content

Item is a spiral-bound compilation of decisions made by Justice W. David Griffiths while serving on the Supreme Court of Ontario. The decisions were reprinted from material originally printed in "The Ontario Reports" from 1975 to 1979.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Sub-title is: Volume I: The early years (1975-1979)

2004050-025 The reported decisions of Mr. Justice W. David Griffiths: volume II: the eighties (1980-1987). -- 24 Nov. 1995. -- 2 cm of textual records (1 v.)

Scope and Content

Item is a spiral-bound compilation of decisions made by Justice W. David Griffiths while serving on the Supreme Court of Ontario. The decisions were reprinted from material originally printed in "The Ontario Reports" from 1980 to 1987.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Sub-title is: Volume II: the eighties (1980-1987).

2004050-026 The reported decisions of Mr. Justice W. David Griffiths: volume III: the Court of Appeal (1988-1995). -- 24 Nov. 1995. -- 3 cm of textual records (1 v.)

Scope and Content

Item is a spiral-bound compilation of decisions made by Justice W. David Griffiths while serving on the Court of Appeal of Ontario. The decisions were reprinted from material originally printed in "The Ontario Reports" from 1988 to 1995.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Sub-title is: Volume III: The Court of Appeal (1988-1995).

2004050-027 Civil jury charges. -- 1996. -- 2.5 cm of textual records (1 v.)

Scope and Content

Item is a volume of specimen charges for use in civil jury trials originally compiled in 1978. Table of Contents : Chapter 1 - Preparation, Chapter 2 - Opening, Chapter 3 - General instructions, Chapter 4 - Negligence cases, Chapter 5 - Automobile accident cases, Chapter 6 - Damages, Chapter 7 - Damages - fatal accidents, Chapter 8 - Libel and slander, Chapter 9 - Assault, Chapter 10 - Malicious prosecution, Chapter 11 - False imprisonment and false arrest, Chapter 12 - Occupiers' liability, Chapter 13 - Wrongful dismissal, Chapter 14 - Medical malpractice.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

"English version"

2004050-028 CIAJ newsletter. -- 1996. -- 14 p.

Scope and Content

Item is an issue of the newsletter published by the Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice. The issue contains an article on the presentation of the Institute's Justice Award to W. David Griffiths.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

PF43-3 Photographs. -- 1966, 1993-1996. -- 6 photographs : b&w and col. ; 20.2 cm x 42.6 cm or smaller

Scope and Content

Series consists of photographs relating to the legal career of Wilson David Griffiths.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Arrangement

The series is arranged chronologically.

Title Notes

Title based on content of the series.

2004050-01P Osgoode Hall class of '51, 15 year reunion - Toronto 1966. -- 1966. -- 1 photograph : b&w ; 20.2 cm x 42.5 cm rolled to 5.5 cm (diam.) x 20.2 cm

Scope and Content

Item is a photograph of the Osgoode Hall Law School class of 1951 fifteenth anniversary reunion dinner.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title printed on recto of the image.

2004050-02P Photograph of unidentified group. -- 1993. -- 1 photograph : col. ; 20 x 24 cm

Scope and Content

Item is a group photograph of what appears to be participants at a conference.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on content of item.

2004050-03P Photograph of unidentified group. -- 1994. -- 1 photograph : col. ; 20 x 24 cm

Scope and Content

Item is a group photograph of what appears to be participants at a conference.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on content of item.

2004050-04P Photograph of unidentified group. -- 1995. -- 1 photograph : col. ; 20 x 24 cm

Scope and Content

Item is a group photograph of what appears to have been the participants of a conference.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on content of item.

2004050-05P Grange retirement dinner. -- 7 Apr. 1995. -- 1 photograph : colour ; 20 x 24 cm

Scope and Content

Item is a group photograph taken at the University Club at the occasion of a dinner to honour Justice Grange. Depicted are: back row: J.W.F. Rowley, L.T. Taman, W.A. McTavish, J.I. Laskin, J.A., W.D. Griffiths, J.A., H. Krever, J.A., A.W. Maloney, J., I.A. McDougall, J.L. McDougall, T.A. McDougall. Third row: T.H. Wickett, J.T. DesBrisay, S. Thom, J.B.S. Southey, J., P. deC. Cory, J. (SCC), J.W. Morden, A.C.J.O., E. Saunders, J., D.H.K. Lamont, M.J. Moldaver, J., P.S.A. Lamek. Second row: H.L. Murray, Hon. W.G.Gray, H.M. McKinlay, J.A., Alice Grange, Hon. S.G.M. Grange, Dougall Grange, L. Arbour, J.A., L. Gotlib, J., G.M. Burton. Front row: E.R. Murray, P.A. Lee, W.G. Horton, J.C. Osborne

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

2004050-06P Château Bromont 1996. -- 1996. -- 1 photograph : col. ; 21 x 28 cm

Scope and Content

Item is a group photograph of what appears to be participants at a conference.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title taken from text printed on recto of photograph.

PF43-4 Letter and seminar material. -- 1984, 1989. -- 3 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

Series consists of a letter sent to W. D. Griffiths and material prepared for a seminar in courtroom procedure.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Arrangement

The series is arranged chronologically.

Title Notes

Title based on content of series.

2004050-029 Letter from Laura Legge to Justice Griffiths. -- 2 Apr. 1984. -- 1 p.

Scope and Content

Item is a letter from Laura Legge, Treasurer of the Law Society, to Justice W.D. Griffiths regarding his acceptance to administer the oath at a call to the Bar ceremony.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on content of the item.

2004050-030 Suggested programme for seminar at Yellowknife. -- June 1989. -- 3 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

Item is a package of materials for a seminar to be presented by Justice W. David Griffiths and Justice Tallis in Yellowknife.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title taken from spine of binder.