Finding aid of the William E. Weinberger Collection on the Law and Gay and Lesbian Rights

Michael C. Oliveira
ONE National Gay and Lesbian Archives
909 West Adams Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90007
Phone: (213) 741-0094
Fax: (213) 741-0220
Email: askone@onearchives.org
URL: http://www.onearchives.org
© 2008
ONE National Gay and Lesbian Archives. All rights reserved.
Finding aid of the William E. Weinberger Collection on the Law and Gay and Lesbian Rights

Collection number: Coll2008-063

ONE National Gay and Lesbian Archives
Los Angeles, California

Processed by:
Richard French and Michael C. Oliveira

Date Completed:
2008

Encoded by:
Michael C. Oliveira

© 2008 ONE National Gay and Lesbian Archives. All rights reserved.
Processing this collection has been funded by a generous grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.

Descriptive Summary
Title: William E. Weinberger collection on the law and gay and lesbian rights

Bulk Dates: 1987-1994
Collection number: Coll2008-063
Creator: Weinberger, William E., 1955-

Collection Size: 2 records boxes, 1 archive carton, 1 oversize box.4.3 linear feet.
Repository: ONE National Gay and Lesbian Archives.
Los Angeles, California 90007

Abstract: Conference materials, minutes, correspondence, amicus curiae briefs, and other documents relating to the provision of legal representation for lesbians and gays, created and collected by Los Angeles lawyer William E. Weinberger, a member of several organizations that provided legal services to lesbians and gays, in the course of his work.

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

Access
The collection is open to researchers. There are no access restrictions.

Publication Rights
Researchers wishing to publish materials must obtain permission in writing from ONE National Gay and Lesbian Archives as the physical owner. Researchers must also obtain clearance from the holder(s) of any copyrights in the materials. Note that ONE National Gay and Lesbian Archives can grant copyright clearance only for those materials for which we hold the copyright. It is the responsibility of the researcher to obtain copyright clearance for all other materials directly from the copyright holder(s).

Preferred Citation

Acquisition Information
Gift of William E. Weinberger, August 17, 2005.

Processing Information
Biography
William E. Weinberger has practiced law in the areas of business litigation, real estate, litigation, appeals, professional liability, first amendment law, employment law, and governmental relations.


Source:
William E. Weinberger Los Angeles, California, Profile (LexisNexis),

Scope and Content of Collection
The collection consists of the papers of William E. Weinberger documenting his involvement between 1983 and 1998 with Lawyers for Human Rights (LHR), National Gay Rights Advocates (NGRA), the National Lesbian and Gay Law Association's Lavender Law conferences, and similar organizations to secure equal rights for lesbians and gays. The collection also contains reference materials such as amicus curiae briefs, clippings, correspondence, judgments, memoranda, newsletters, notes, opinions, and reports regarding legal issues of concern to gays and lesbians.

Arrangement

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
Gays--Legal status, laws, etc.--United States--Cases
Lavender Law (Conference)
Lawyers for Human Rights (California, U.S.)
Legal assistance to gays--United States.
Legal assistance to lesbians--United States.
Lesbians--Legal status, laws, etc.--United States--Cases
National Gay Rights Advocates (U.S.)
National Lesbian and Gay Law Association (U.S.)
Weinberger, William E., 1955-

Physical Description: 8 folders.
Series Scope and Content
The series consists of board meetings minutes, 1985-1991, of Lawyers for Human Rights, the lesbian and gay bar association of Los Angeles, on whose Board of Governors served from 1984 to 1991. The series also includes a few related miscellaneous documents, such as clippings and amicus curiae briefs.
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Box 1:1-6</th>
<th><strong>Board of Governor’s Minutes 1985-1991</strong></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Physical Description:</strong> 6 folders.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Box 2:1</th>
<th><strong>List of speakers, clippings 1986-1987</strong></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Box 1:7</td>
<td><strong>Miscellaneous documents 1985-1986</strong></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Series Scope and Content</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The series consists of files collected by Weinberger while he was a member National Gay Rights Advocates (NGRA), including his years on the board of directors, 1987-1988. The NGRA was a non-profit public interest law firm, which brought legal action and educated attorneys to end discrimination based on sexual orientation. It closed its doors in May 1991. The files include amicus curiae briefs, correspondence, minutes, proposals, and press releases.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Box 2:4</th>
<th><strong>Board of Director’s minutes 1987-1988</strong></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Box 1:9-11</td>
<td><strong>General correspondence 1988-1990</strong></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

| Box 1:12  | **General documents 1988**                |
| Box 1:13  | **Employment agreement, Jean O’Leary 1988** |
| Box 1:14  | **Coming Out Day proposal 1988**          |
| Box 1:15  | **Press releases 1988-1990**              |
| Box 1:16-17| **Central planning committee memorandum and correspondence 1989** |

| Box 2:5   | **Litigation committee, Johnson v. Seafirst Bank case 1990** |

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Series Scope and Content</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The series consists of materials from the National Lesbian and Gay Law Association's biennial Lavender Law National Conference on Lesbian and Gay Legal Issues. The conference reviews how the law impacts lesbians and gays across a wide variety of topics including AIDS, civil rights, criminal law, domestic partnership, employment, estate planning, family law, immigration, right to marry, and transgender law. The documents in the series are the prepared reference materials, including panel information, presentation outlines, copies of decisions, and clippings.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Box 1:18-20</th>
<th><strong>Sourcebook 1988</strong></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Physical Description:</strong> 3 folders.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Box 1:21-23</th>
<th><strong>Resource book 1990</strong></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Physical Description:</strong> 3 folders.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Box 1:24-29</th>
<th><strong>Conference materials 1992</strong></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1-6</td>
<td><strong>Physical Description:</strong> 12 folders.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Box 1:24-26</th>
<th><strong>1992</strong></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Physical Description:</strong> 3 folders.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Box 1: 27-29
1994
Physical Description: 3 folders.

Box 3: 1-6
1997
Physical Description: 6 folders.

Physical Description: 9 folders.
Series Scope and Content
The series contains other organization and conference materials including manuals, minutes, notes, reference materials and Weinberger’s résumé. The organizations represented include the Coalition to Pass A.B. 1 (the “Gay Rights Bill” authored by Assemblymen Art Agnos and Mike Roos), the Lambda Lawyers Roundtable, previously known as the Lambda Activists' Legal and Educational Round Table (Lambda ALERT), and the National Lesbian and Gay Law Association (NLGLA). The conference materials include correspondence, registration, and reference materials from the 1988 War Conference, Washington, D.C., a meeting of gays and lesbians organized to strengthen the community and political movement.

Box 3: 7
Assembly Bill 1 Coalition 1985

Box 3: 8
Lambda Lawyers Roundtable (Lambda Activists' Legal and Educational Round Table, Lambda ALERT) 1986-1987

Box 2: 6-9
War Conference 1988
Physical Description: 4 folders.

Box 3: 9
Résumé 1993

Box 3: 10-12
Physical Description: 3 folders.

Physical Description: 17 folders.
Series Scope and Content
The series of reference materials includes documents such as amicus curiae briefs, judgments, memoranda, opinions, and reports. The series is arranged chronologically, followed by files of miscellaneous documents found loose in the collection, including clippings, correspondence, newsletter, notes, and reports.

Box 3: 13
First Amendment: Regulation of Video Games 1983

Box 3: 14

Box 3: 15
Gates v. Benson 1986

Box 3: 16
Amnesty International and Homosexuality summary report 1987

Box 3: 17
Watkins v. United States Army 1988

Box 3: 18
Cost Estimates for Healthcare Coverage of Domestic Partners of San Francisco City Workers 1991

Box 3: 19
Report of the Subcommittee on Domestic Partners’ Benefits, University Committee on Faculty and Staff Benefits 1992

Box 3: 20
Hollywood Supports AIDS in the Workplace Seminar 1992

Box 3: 21
March on Washington Lobby Days 1993

Box 3: 22
We will get what we ask for: Why legalizing gay and lesbian marriage will not "dismantle the legal structure of gender in every marriage" 1993

Box 3: 23
"Breaking Down Barriers: Overcoming Discrimination in the Legal Profession for Attorneys with Disabilities and Lesbian and Gay Attorneys" (American Bar Association Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities) 1994
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Box 3 : 24-26</th>
<th><strong>Los Angeles County Bar Association: Committee on Sexual Orientation Bias Report</strong>&lt;br&gt;1994</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Physical Description: 3 folders.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Box 3 : 28</td>
<td><strong>Assessment of the Legal Needs of People Living with HIV and AIDS in Los Angeles County (HIV Legal Services Delivery Project for Los Angeles County)</strong> 1995</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Box 2 : 10</td>
<td><strong>Miscellaneous 1985-1998</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Box 4 : 1</td>
<td><strong>Clippings 1985-1988</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(Oversize)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>