Randolph V. Whiting Papers MSS.0102

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Abstract: Professional papers of Randolph V. Whiting, Reporter of Decisions for the California Supreme Court and Courts of Appeal from 1917 to 1940. Materials include correspondence, notes and official reports dating from 1922 through 1940.
creator: Whiting, Randolph V.

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Biographical Note
Randolph Virginius Whiting was a native of Quincy, California. He received his early education at public schools and at Bowen's Academy in Berkeley, California. Mr. Whiting attended the University of California at Berkeley and went on to receive his law degree from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law in 1895. He was admitted to the California bar in May 1895 and established his own private practice in San Francisco. In 1897, he began serving as an editor of the Official Reports of decisions of the California Supreme Court. He served as an assistant district attorney of San Francisco from 1900 to 1906 and, in 1915, was appointed assistant office reporter of California Reports and California Appellate Reports. He became the official reporter of those publications in 1917, beginning his twenty-three year term as Reporter of Decisions for the California Supreme Court and Courts of Appeal. He was also active in professional associations and civic groups and, from 1930 to 1932, served as president of the San Francisco Bar Association. In 1940, at the end of Mr. Whiting's term as Reporter of Decisions, Bernard E. Witkin was appointed Reporter of Decisions.

Scope and Content of Collection
The Randolph V. Whiting papers consist of 0.47 cubic feet of records, including 11 folders of correspondence, notes, and official reports of the California Supreme Court. The materials document the activities of the Reporter of Decisions for the California Supreme Court and Courts of Appeal during Randolph V. Whiting's service as official reporter. The collection is comprised primarily of typewritten letters addressed to Whiting from lawyers, justices and clerks requesting typographical and semantic corrections to opinions published in California Reports and California Appellate Reports. A smaller portion of the collection consists of Whiting's handwritten notes and emendations to these publications. Materials date from 1922 through 1940, with the bulk of the material dating from 1925 to 1929.

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