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Abstract: The collection consists of the historical collection of the Heller Ehrman law firm, including papers, books, photographs, and audiovisual materials related to the firm’s history, dated from 1893 to 2007. The materials were collected by Heller Ehrman staff to document the firm’s corporate history, and some were included in history exhibits installed in the firm’s offices. The collection does not include legal case files or materials documenting the firm’s 2008 dissolution.
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Collection is open for research, with the following exceptions: motion picture, VHS, Umatic and Beta tapes are unavailable for viewing. Use digitized copies, available on DVD.
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[Identification of item], Heller Ehrman historical collection, MS 4135, California Historical Society.
Existence and Location of Copies
Digitized copies of VHS, Umatic and Beta tapes are available for research.
Acquisition Information
The Heller Ehrman historical collection was given to the California Historical Society by Heller Ehrman, LLP.
Accruals
No additions are expected.
Processing Information
This collection was processed by Jaime Henderson in 2013.
System of Arrangement
The Heller Ehrman historical collection is arranged in three series. The series arrangement of the collection is as follows: Series 1: Organizational history, 1893-2007; Series 2: Law library, 1852-1924, 1978; Series 3: Photographs, 1930s-2000s. The arrangement of the collection was imposed by California Historical Society staff.
Corporate History
Heller Ehrman had its start in 1890 when Emanuel S. Heller opened his law office at 124 Sansome Street, San Francisco. Early in his career Heller provided legal counsel to Isaias W. Hellman’s Nevada Bank and the Union Trust Company. In 1891 Heller moved his office to 309 Montgomery, perhaps to be closer to these two early San Francisco financial institutions. In 1896 Ehrman partnered with Francis H. Powers to form Heller & Powers; in 1905 the firm took on another partner, Sidney M. Ehrman forming Heller, Powers & Ehrman. The growing firm moved to 14 Montgomery in late 1905, but by April of 1906 their offices, law library and records had been destroyed by the San Francisco earthquake and fire. The firm, along with Wells Fargo Nevada National Bank and the Union Trust Company, took temporary refuge in Heller’s home at 1801 California Street. Eventually the firm relocated to more permanent offices at the convergence of Post, Montgomery and Market
streets. Powers died in 1920 and shortly thereafter Jerome White and Florence McAuliffe joined the partnership, establishing the firm as Heller, Ehrman, White & McAuliffe. The firm continued under this name until 2005 when it was shortened to Heller Ehrman.

The firm played a major role in the development of San Francisco and the Bay Area, providing legal counsel for Wells Fargo Nevada National Bank, the Spring Valley Water Company and negotiating the financing for the construction of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge. The firm also had an active role in the construction of Hoover Dam and the Golden Gate Bridge. From the firm’s earliest beginnings it provided legal counseling to corporations, facilitating corporate public offerings, mergers and acquisitions, anti-trust litigation and commercial litigation. Heller Ehrman was also recognized for its pro bono work, providing counsel for conscientious objectors, prison inmates, animal welfare causes, environmental groups, refugees and Native Americans.

Throughout the late 1970s and into the early 2000s the firm expanded worldwide until its dissolution in 2008.

Scope and Contents

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The collection includes papers, photographs, and digitized audiovisual materials related to the firm’s history and centennial commemoration in 1991; oral histories, biographies, and personal papers of partners and members of the firm; materials on corporate culture including the firm’s core values, fair practices, diversity, work and social activities; digitized television broadcasts covering cases represented by Heller Ehrman lawyers; financial records; tributes and awards honoring Heller Ehrman and its partners; photographs; and a portion of the Heller Ehrman law library.

Technical Access

The Heller Ehrman historical collection contains audiovisual materials that have been digitized. Some material is only available on DVD.

Existence and Location of Originals

Original VHS, Umatic, and Beta tapes are not available for research. Use DVD copies.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library’s online public access catalog:

- Ehrman, Sidney M.
- Heilbron, Louis H.
- Heller, Ehrman, White & McAuliffe.
- Heller, Emanuel S.
- McAuliffe, Florence
- Weinberger, Caspar W.
- White, Jerome
- Artifacts.
- Corporate culture.
- DVDs.
- Electronic mail messages.
- Financial records.
- Heller, Ehrman, White and McAuliffe -- Archive.
- Heller, Ehrman, White and McAuliffe -- History.
- Lawyers -- Biography.
- Lawyers -- Interviews.
- Memorandums.
- Newsletters.
- Oral histories.
- Photograph albums.
- Photographic prints.
- Presentations.
Speeches.

Organizational history 1893-2006

Firm histories 1958-2007

Box 1, Folder 1, MSP Carton 1

Surviving the 1906 San Francisco earthquake undated

Access
Original recording is unavailable for paging and viewing. Use digital copy on DVD (Box 1, Folder 1).

Technical Access
Surviving the 1906 San Francisco Earthquake transferred to DVD.

MSP Carton 1, Box 1, Folders 2-3

Who we are 1990

Technical Access
Who we are, 1990, transferred to DVD.

Access
Original recording is unavailable for paging and viewing. Use digital copy on DVD (Box 1, Folder 3).

Scope and Contents
Contains script and DVD of company's "Who we Are" video.

MSP Carton 1, Box 1, Folders 4-5

Centennial commemoration 1981-1991

Scope and Contents
Contains manuscript materials and DVD about the firm's 1991 centennial commemoration.

Access
Original recordings are unavailable for paging and viewing. Use digital copies on DVD (Box 1, Folder 5).

Technical Access
Centennial commemoration, 1991, transferred to DVD.

Box 1, Folder 6
Box 1, Folder 7
Box 1, Folder 8
Box 1, Folder 9

Miscellaneous firm histories 1958-1998

Firm history 2004

Heller history exhibit, New York office 2004-2005

Heller history exhibit, San Francisco office 2003-2006

Partners and members of the firm 1930-2006

Box 2, Folder 1
Box 2, Folder 2
Box 2, Folder 3
Box 2, Folders 4-7
Box 3, Folders 1-3

Lloyd Dinkelspiel 1976, undated
Sidney M. Ehrman 1930-2004, undated
Louis Heilbron 1966-2006

Scope and Contents
Includes general materials along with Heilbron's speeches and other writings; research related to establishment and free exercise clauses; and materials related to his death and memorial.

Box 3, Folder 4
Box 3, Folder 5

Emanuel S. Heller 2004, undated
Weyman Lundquist 2006, undated
Organizational history 1893-2006
Partners and members of the firm 1930-2006

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Box 3, Folder 6
Florence McAuliffe 1986, undated

Box 3, Folder 7
Francis Powers 2002, undated

Box 3, Folders 8-9
Julian Stern 1986-2004, undated

Box 4, Folder 1
Caspar Weinberger 1970-2006

Box 4, Folder 2
Jerome White 1955, 2007, undated

Box 5, Folders 1-4, 7
Attorney and administrator biographies 1983-1998

Box 6, Folders 3-4
MSP Carton 1

Video and television appearances of partners and members of firm 1969-2006

Scope and Contents
Includes video and television appearances of many of the firm's partners including Weyman Lundquist, Michael Shepard, and Richard Martin speaking as commentators. Topics include United States and Soviet trade post 1991 coup, bio-terrorism, genetic discrimination, and the Martha Stewart, WorldCom, Enron, and Arthur Andersen scandals. Video has been digitized and is available on six DVDs.

Technical Access
All video and television appearances of partners and members of firm have been transferred to DVDs.

Access
Original recordings are unavailable for paging and viewing. Use digital copies on DVDs (Box 6, Folders 3-4).


Scope and Contents
Contains transcripts of oral histories only.

Box 7, Folder 1
Lawrence C. Baker 1989

Box 7, Folder 2
Keith Betzina 1990

Box 7, Folder 3
George Blackstone 1989

Box 7, Folder 4
Stephen V. Bomse 1989

Box 7, Folder 5
Robert E. Borton 1989

Box 7, Folder 6
Curt Caton 1989

Box 7, Folder 7
Charles H. Clifford 1989

Box 8, Folder 1
George Clyde 1989

Box 8, Folder 2
Michael J. Cullen 1989

Box 8, Folder 3
Harold C. Faulkner 1979

Box 8, Folder 4
Richard J. Guggenhime 1989

Box 8, Folder 5
Victor A. Hebert 1989

Box 8, Folder 6
Christopher L. Kaufman 1989

Box 8, Folder 7
Weyman Lundquist 1989

Box 8, Folder 8
William R. Mackey 1989

Box 8, Folder 9
Bruce McGuire 1989

Box 8, Folder 10
Paul Mundie 1989

Box 8, Folder 11
Robin E. Neuman 1989

Box 8, Folder 12
Gary Okay 1990

Box 8, Folder 13
Jessica Pers 1989

Box 9, Folder 1
M. Laurence Popofsky 1989

Box 9, Folder 2
Eric Redman undated

Box 9, Folder 3
Charlie Robinson 1989

Box 9, Folder 4
Jerry H. Robinson 1989

Box 9, Folder 5
Michael A. Roosevelt 1989

Box 9, Folder 6
Edward W. Rosston 1989

Box 9, Folder 7
Douglas Schwab 1989

Box 9, Folder 8
William W. Sterling 1989
| Box 9, Folder 9 | Julian N. Stern 1989 |
| Box 9, Folder 10 | Richard E. Tavljan 1989 |
| Box 9, Folder 11 | Robert S. Venning 1989 |
| Box 9, Folder 12 | Peter Weiner 1989 |
| Box 9, Folder 13 | Index to oral history transcripts undated |

**Corporate culture 1954-2004**

- Core value interviews 2003-2004
- Administrative and staff support 1987, 1990
- Fair practice and diversity 1960s, 1989-2002
- Work and social activities 1965-2004
  - Technical Access
    - The video recordings in Work and social activities have been transferred to DVD.
    - Access
      - Original recordings are unavailable for paging and viewing. Use digital copies on DVD (Box 11, Folder 4).

| Box 11, Folder 5 | Lawyer humor 1954-2004, undated |

**Clients and legal cases 1909-2005**

- Legal counseling 1909, 1920
  - *Joseph Parisi v. Major General Phillip B. Davidson, Captain Coughlin, Stanley Resor* 1971
- Trafficanente v. Metropolitan Life Insurance Company 1971
- Chicken Delight, Inc. v. Harvey and Elaine Siegel 1971
- George Foreman and Charles R. Sadler v. George Foreman Associates, Ltd. 1975
- Regents of the University of California v. Allan Bakke 1976
- Merck KGaA, v. Integra LifeSciences, Ltd. and the Burnham Institute 2005
- Alberto Gonzales v. State of Oregon 2006
- Pro bono work 1990
- Heller Ehrman legal cases 1986-2004
  - Scope and Contents
    - Contains two DVDs with recordings of television segments on the following legal matters and cases: Beryl Buck trust, Marine Mammal Protection Act, Anti-Defamation League, Cheema v. Thompson, Caltrans evictions, Holocaust survivors insurance claims, military recruitment at universities, and same sex marriage in New Paltz, New York.
    - Technical Access
      - Heller Ehrman legal cases, 1986-2004, have been transferred to DVD.
      - Access
        - Original recordings are unavailable for paging and viewing. Use digital copies on DVD (Box 12, Folder 11).

| Box 12, Folder 12 | Miscellaneous legal cases 2005, undated |

**Financial records 1906-1986**
Tributes and awards 1978-2005

A tribute to Louis Heilbron and Robert Harris 5 February 2004
Jerome White and Florence McAuliffe, a tribute 2005
Tribute and awards to partners 1990-2005

Scope and Contents
Includes recorded tributes to the following partners: Richard E. Guggenhime, Bob Rosenfeld, Louis Heilbron, Robert Harris, Bob Borton, Curt Caton, Barry Steven Levin, Jerome White and Florence McAuliffe.

Access
Original recordings are unavailable for paging and viewing. Use digital copies on DVD (Box 15, Folder 3).

Technical Access
Tribute and awards to partners, 1990-2005, transferred to DVD.

Appreciation from the Central American Refugee Center undated
Community Service Award from La Raza Centro Legal 1990
Tribute in honor of the centennial of Heller, Ehrman, White & McAuliffe, presented by Wells Fargo Bank 26 June 1991
Miscellaneous awards 1978-2007

Partnership agreements 1896-1916

Supporting documents and media 1893-2006

Access
Original recordings are unavailable for paging and viewing. Use digital copies on DVD (Box 16, Folder 2).

Technical Access
Some materials in Supporting documents and media, 1893-2006 have been transferred to DVD.

Scope and Contents
Contains documents and the following recorded material: Summer associates luncheon 1987; New associates luncheon, 1990; recordings related to the Hong Kong office opening in 2003; Peter Rhodes presentation; Heller Ehrman versus Anonymity, 2002; Shareholders retreat, 2004; and office tours, 2006.

Newsletters 1970-1991

Memorabilia undated
State Bar Association and Bar Association of San Francisco 1937-1959, 1992

Law library 1852-1924, 1978

Box 16, Folder 7
Deeds of gifts 1929-1956

Box 17
The statutes of California passed at the third session of the legislature. San Francisco: G.K. Fitch & Co., and V.E. Geiger & Co. 1852

Box 17
The statutes of California passed at the fourth session of the legislature. San Francisco: George Kerr. 1853

Box 17
The statutes of California passed at the seventh session of the legislature. Sacramento: James Allen. 1856

Carton 2
Crocker, E.B. California digest; digest of decisions of the supreme court of the state of California. Sacramento: Crocker & Edwards. 1856

Carton 2
Gear, H.L. California digest, supplement; a digest of the reports of the supreme court of California. Vols. 56-64, inclusive. San Francisco: A.L. Bancroft & Co. and Sumner Whitney & Co. 1886

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Revised laws of the state of California in four codes: political code. Sacramento: T.A. Springer. 1872

Carton 2
Haymond, Creed, John C. Burch and John H. McKune. The penal code of California. Sacramento: T.A. Springer. 1872

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Carton 1
Legislative Counsel. Index to the laws of California, 1850-1920. Sacramento: California State Printing Office. 1921

Carton 1
Legislative Counsel. Index to the laws of California, 1850-1920, supplement. Sacramento: California Printing Office. 1921

Carton 3
Pomeroy, Carter P. The codes and statutes of California. San Francisco: Bancroft-Whitney Company. 1901

Carton 3
Pomeroy, Carter P. Supplement to Pomeroy's annotated codes of 1901. San Francisco: Bancroft-Whitney Company. 1902

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Hart, Albert. The civil code of the state of California. San Francisco: Sumner Whitney and Company. 1881
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Photographs 1930s-2000s

- Lloyd Dinkelspiel, Sr. undated
- Sidney Ehrman 1953-1989, undated
- Richard Guggenheim, Sr. undated
- Louis Heilbron undated
- Emanuel S. Heller undated
- Florence McAuliffe undated
- Francis Powers undated
- Caspar Weinberger undated
- Jerome White undated
- Miscellaneous partners and members of firm 1970-1980, undated
- San Francisco, California office 1980s, undated
- Anchorage, Alaska office undated
- Portland, Oregon office 1980s
- Miscellaneous offices undated
- Legal cases undated
- Firm history undated
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    - Some of the photographs in Firm History have been digitized and are available on disc.
- History wall undated
- Centennial celebration 1991
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**Hard drives containing digitized material**

**Access**

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