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1917-1980 (bulk 1942-1972)

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CREATOR SKETCH

For over forty-eight years, Robert Elden Mathews (1894-1983) served as a law professor at Ohio State University and the University of Texas at Austin, dedicating his career to legal education and the improvement of the legal profession. Robert E. Mathews was born on April 17, 1894, in Watersville, Maine. His father, Shailer Mathews, was an eminent educator and theologian, and one of the founding faculty members of the University of Chicago Divinity School. Robert E. Mathews received an B.A. from Yale in 1915, and a J.D. from the University of Chicago in 1920. After being admitted to the Illinois Bar, he practiced law as an associate of Frederick A. Brown from 1920-1922. In 1922, he began teaching at the University of Chicago Law School and later that year, joined the faculty of the University of Montana School of Law. On December 30, 1922, he married Grace Greenwood Caie and they had one son, Craig Mathews.

In 1924, Mathews joined the faculty of the Ohio State University College of Law where he would remain until his retirement in 1964 as professor of law emeritus. During World War II, he served on the board of the Selective Service Administration of Columbus, Ohio (1940-1942), as an attorney of the Board of Economic Warfare and Foreign Economic Administration (1942-1944), and for the National War Labor Board (1944-1945). In the years following the war, Mathews focused primarily on labor law, and the issues and responsibilities of the legal profession. Throughout his career, he took intermittent leaves of absence from Ohio State University to teach these topics at Columbia, Harvard, the India Law Institute in New Delhi, and many others. He also published numerous papers and articles, and authored three books: *Mathews' Revision of Mechem's Cases on Partnership* (1935), *Cases on Agency and Partnership* (1940), and *Problems Illustrative of the Responsibilities of Members of the Legal Profession* (1965). The last title evolved from Mathews' development of a new approach to teaching law known as the "problem method." Mathews served as Editor-in-Chief of *Legal Education and Public Responsibility* (1959) and was also involved with several publications produced by the Labor Law Group. In 1966, he joined the University of Texas School of Law and continued to teach until 1970. After his retirement, Mathews remained professionally active, teaching occasional seminars at the University of Texas and corresponding with numerous associates in the field of legal studies.

Throughout his career, Mathews participated in many academic and professional organizations. In 1947, the League of Ohio Law Schools elected him president. Mathews also served on the US National Committee for UNESCO (1951-1955), and was chairman of the International Society of Labor Law (1958-1961). A long-standing member of the Association of American Law Schools, he was elected president in 1952. He was also a member of the American Law Institute, the International Commission of Jurists, the National Academy of Arbitrators, and the American Association of University Professors.

Nationally known and respected, Robert E. Mathews died on November 4, 1983, and is buried in Monson, Maine.

MATHEWS (ROBERT E.) PAPERS

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35 boxes, 13.9 linear feet

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The professional and personal life of Robert E. Mathews is documented in his papers consisting of correspondence, printed materials, creative works, financial documentation, reports, legal and legal-style documentation, photographs and a work of art on paper, 1917-1980 (13.9 linear feet). The papers were officially donated to the Rare Books and Special Collections Center of the Tarlton Library through a deed of gift from Robert E. Mathews' son, Craig Mathews.

The majority of the material represents his professional work, both as a law professor and with the legal profession as a whole. Dominating this group are course materials (class outlines, notes, journal articles, student papers) arranged by course title (for example, "Arbitration," "Labor Law," "Legal Profession," "Office Practice," and "Professional Responsibility") which he used primarily during his tenure at Ohio State University and the University of Texas at Austin, and when he was a visiting professor at other institutions (1925-1980, 5.7 feet). This professional group is also significantly comprised of correspondence and printed materials regarding teaching opportunities (1955-1970, .5 feet); shared with colleagues (1932-1975, 2 feet); and concerning his professional affiliations, such as the American Association of Law Schools, the American Bar Association, the International Commission of Jurists, the International Society for Labor Law, and the National Academy of Arbitrators (1939-1976, 1.5 feet). Drafts and finished versions of some of his publications are found in his papers (1942-1975, 2 feet), most notably those regarding the "problem method" of teaching which was devised and introduced to the profession by Robert E. Mathews. Other collected publications, and reference and research materials are also part of his papers (1939-1976, 1.3 feet).

The second group of material, while markedly less in quantity than his professional papers, provides great insight into the personal life of Robert E. Mathews (1917-1974, .8 feet). Correspondence with friends and family makes up the bulk of this group, but also noteworthy are the papers by and regarding his father, Shailer Mathews, a noted theologian and co-founder of the University of Chicago's Divinity School (1917-1973, 3 folders) and those regarding his son, Craig Mathews (1946-1970, 1 folder).

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Robert E. Mathews (1917- 1980, 13.9 feet)

Personal (1917-1974, .9 feet)

Mathews, Robert E. (1922-1974, 14 folders)
Mathews, Shailer (1917-1973, 3 folders)
Mathews, Craig (1946-1970, 1 folder)
Mathews Family, general (1969-1972, 1 folder)

Professional (1925-1976, 13 feet)

Teaching (1925-1980, 6.2 feet)

Course Materials (1925-1980, 5.7 feet)

Abstract Course (1925-1952, 3 folders)
Arbitration (1946-1964, 24 folders)
Comparative Labor Law (1961, 1 folder)
Criminal Law (1974, 1 folder)
Employees' Rights (1946-1958, 6 folders)
Individual and his Government (1959, 1 folder)
Labor Law (1942-1971, 17 folders)
Law Office Management (1949, 1 folder)
Law, Education and Ethics (undated, 1 folder)
Legal Profession (1962-1980, 7 folders)
Office Practice (1942-1979, 53 folders)
Professional Responsibility (1963-1972, 10 folders)
Taxation (1940-1980, 5 folders)
Worker's Compensation (1967-1974, 3 folders)
Other Course Materials (1967, 1974, undated, 6 folders)

Opportunities (1955-1970, .5 feet)

Harvard Law School (1962-1964, 1 folder)
Indian Law Institute (1960-1965, 9 folders)
Rutgers University (1955-1966, 1 folder)
Southern Methodist University (1966-1969, 1 folder)
University of California-Los Angeles (1963-1964, 1967, 1 folder)
University of Texas (1964-1970, 1 folder)

Affiliations (1939-1976, 1.5 feet)

American Arbitration Association (1945-1974, 2 folders)
American Association of University Professors (1967-1973, 2 folders)
American Bar Association (1950, 1954, 1956, 1966, 4 folders)
American Civil Liberties Union (1963-1971, 1 folder)
Association of American Law Schools (1952-1969, 4 folders)
Beta Theta Pi (1971, 1 folder)
Boulder Conference (1956, 1 folder)
British, American, Canadian Law Teachers Conference (1960, 1 folder)
Columbus Town Meeting (1939-1954, 1 folder)
Committee on Improvement of the Administration of Union-Employer Contracts (1949, 1 folder)
Inter-American Bar Association (1958-1967, 2 folders)

International Commission of Jurists (1956-1971, 4 folders)
International League for the Rights of Man (1958-1959, 1 folder)
International Society for Labor Law (1951-1975, 5 folders)
Labor Law Group (1947, 1964-1976, 3 folders)
Minnesota Bar Association (1966-1971, 1 folder)
National Academy of Arbitrators (1945, 1960-1973, 2 folders)
Society of American Law Teachers (1975, 1 folder)

Correspondence (1932-1976, 2 feet)

Aggarwal, Arjun P. (1963-1973, 1 folder)
Alexander, Judge R.P. (1971-1974, 1 folder)
Arthurs, Harry W. (1964-1976, 1 folder)
Baj, S.R. (1965-1966, 1 folder)
Battelle Memorial Institute (1966-1969, 1 folder)
Boyer, Ben (1974, 1 folder)
Bricker, John W. (1952-1954, 1 folder)
Callagan and Company (1932-1967, 2 folders)
Cheatham, Elliott (1968-1972, 1 folder)
Copyright (1965-1974, 1 folder)
Dhyani, S.N. (1967-1969, 1 folder)
Dworkin, Harry and Claire (1963-1971, 1 folder)
Elliott, Sheldon (1967-1968, 1 folder)
Ford Foundation (1957-1966, 2 folders)
Foreign (1960-1968, 1 folder)
Former students (1967-1973, 1 folder)
Fuchs, Ralph (1968-1971, 1 folder)
General (1971-1973, 1 folder)
General legal profession (1952-1953, 1963-1965, 1969, 3 folders)
Goldberg, Louis (1971, 1 folder)
Indian labor law (1962-1963, 1 folder)
Indian Law Institute (1963-1975, 4 folders)
Kahn-Freund, Otto (1959-1961, 1972, 2 folders)
Law teachers (1967-1970, 1 folder)
Markose, A.T. (1964-1975, 1 folder)
"Professional Responsibility" (1970-1974, 1 folder)
Rivers, Francis (1967-1974, 1 folder)
Seibert, Mrs. Myron (1971, 1 folder)
Stanger, Roland (1966, 1 folder)
Stone, Julius (1961, 1973-1974, 1 folder)
Subbarao, Professor G.C.V. (1967-1972, 1 folder)
Warner, William (1948-1965, 4 folders)
Weckstein, Donald (1970-1971, 1 folder)
West Publishing Company (1964-1975, 4 folders)
Wilcox, Bertram (1964-1969, 1 folder)

Publications of Robert E. Mathews (1948-1975, 2 feet)

Problem Book (1960-1973, 1.5 feet)

"Admission to the Practice of Law" (1961-1973, undated, 9 folders)
"Attorney's duty to client" (1968, 1 folder)
"Building a Law Practice" (1960, 1966-1975, undated, 3 folders)
"Counseling, Interviewing" (1967, 1 folder)
"Decision to Represent" (1966, 1 folder)
"Fees" (1955-1973, undated, 2 folders)
"Forward" (1966, 1 folder)

"General Introduction" (1968, 1 folder)
"The Lawyer in Court" (1966-1968, 2 folders)
"Legal Profession" (1964-1971, 2 folders)
"Legislation" (1965-1967, 1 folder)
"Mental Health and the Lawyer" (1966, 1970, 1 folder)
"Miscellaneous case materials" (1966-1973, 1 folder)
"Poverty Law" (1964-1970, 1 folder)
"Privilege" (1973, 1 folder)
"Pro Bono Report" (1973, 1 folder)
"Professional Responsibility" (1967-1973, 2 folders)
"The Prosecutor" (1966-1970, 2 folders)
"Termination of Relation" (1966, 1 folder)
"Unauthorized Practice" (1965-1970, 3 folders)

Assorted Publications (1942-1974, undated, .5 feet)

Amicus Briefs (1964, 1969, 1970, 1 folder)
Arbitration: Toronto Speech (1964, 1 folder)
Bar Admission forms (undated, 1 folder)
Civil Disobedience (1963, 1964, 1974, 2 folders)
Juveniles (1965, 1 folder)
Labor Clause Program (1942-1946, 2 folder)
"Report of Committee on Improvement of Administration of
Union-Management Agreements" (1954-1955, 1 folder)
"Representative Relation" (1965-1966, 1 folder)
Speech outlines (undated, 1 folder)
"The Organized Bar" (1961, undated, 1 folder)

Other Publications (1939-1976, .8 feet)

Of Individuals (1939-1976, undated, .5 feet)

Arthurs, Harry (1976, 1 folder)
Bacon, Francis (undated, 1 folder)
Baj, S.R. (1962, 1 folder)
Bruhns, Fred and Maxi (1954-1965, 1 folder)
Datta and Ensminger (undated, 1 folder)
Domke, Martin (1956, 1 folder)
Dworkin, Harry (undated, 1 folder)
Fuchs, Ralph (1962, 1 folder)
Learner, Max (1939, 1 folder)
Matchlup, Fritz (undated, 1 folder)
Shepard, Walter (1941-1968, 1 folder)
Weckstein, Donald (1968, 1 folder)

Of Institutions (1953-1979, .3 feet)

Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (1972, 1
folder)
"Fair Hearing in Domestic Enquiries" (undated, 1 folder)
Labor agreement pamphlets (1953-1964, 2 folders)
"Lawyer as a Public Leader" (undated, 1 folder)
Ohio State Law Record (1963, 1 folder)
Texas Bar Journal (1979, 1 folder)
United States Law Week (1971-1972, 1 folder)

Research and Reference Materials (1949-1973, .5 feet)

"Attorney-Accountant" (1965-1967, 1 folder)
"Defense of Heterodox" (1956, 1 folder)
"Environmental Law and the Lawyer" (1971, 1 folder)
"Government Employment" (1972, 1 folder)

"Group Services" (undated, 1 folder)
"Law and Free Society Institutions" (1958, 1 folder)
Legal Aid Speeches and Newspaper Clippings (1949-1968, 1 folder)
"Maciej Orbaniec: Circus" (1970, 1 folder)
"Nixon Team Member Quits" (1973, 1 folder)
"Proxy Marriage" (undated, 1 folder)
"Relation of Lawyer and Judge" (1958, 1967, 1969, 1 folder)
"Vernis Fulman v. State of Texas" (1969, 1 folder)