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NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY REVIEW COMMISSION PAPERS
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Date Span: 1994-1997

Collection Size: 14 cubic feet

Description: The National Bankruptcy Review Commission Papers were donated by Mobile attorney Jeffery J. Hartley in 1997. The collection consists of fourteen cubic feet of manuscripts, typescripts, photocopies, and printed materials accumulated by Hartley during his service (1994-1997) as a member of the Commission.

The collection contains many of the official reports of the Commission and its working groups, as well as many draft reports and supporting materials. This collection is not, however, an official or complete record of the Commission. Taken as it was from the files of an individual commissioner, the collection necessarily reflects his priorities and interests.

This collection is arranged according to categories of information and/or documents. See the accompanying finding aid and its attached notes for a more detailed organizational description.

Jeffery Hartley is a 1990 graduate of the University of Alabama School of Law. During his service as a member of the National Bankruptcy Review Commission, he was Clerk to the Honorable Margeret Mahoney, Chief Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of Alabama.

National Bankruptcy Review Commission Papers

The collection is organized into nine categories, as follows:

- 1) CREATION, ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE COMISSION
 - a) Agenda, Ballots, Meeting Transcripts, Minutes, Progress Reports.
 - b) Bylaws, Historical Information, Mission Statements.
 - c) Chairman Mike Synar Illness/Death. (Obituaries, correspondence, and press releases concerning the January 9, 1996 death of Chairman Synar.)
 - d) Commission Updates. (Includes official updates on the progress and activities of the commission.)
 - e) Correspondence concerning Mail Ballots, Dissent. (Various correspondence between commissioners concerning grievances about the mail ballot process, and dissenting opinions concerning the reports of various working groups.)
 - f) Enclosures. (These are lists of items enclosed in packets sent to Commission members. The materials listed include items representing most of the categories of information found in the collection.
Note: Many of the items listed in the enclosures lists are available in the collection, but some were lost or misplaced before the collection was deposited. The Special Collections Department maintains a checklist of available enclosures.)
 - g) Final Report Preparation. (Correspondence and updates concerning the production and timetable of the final report.)
 - h) Fiscal. (Various correspondence and reports concerning the budget and funding of the commission.)
 - i) General Information. (Miscellaneous administrative material.)
 - j) Jeffery Hartley Travel File. (This file consists of travel information pertaining to Commissioner Hartley.)
- 2) THIRD-PARTY SUBMISSIONS
 - a) Governmental. (Includes articles, letters, and other correspondence which were submitted to the commission by individuals or groups representing some branch of government.)
 - b) Individuals, Private Groups, Academics. (Includes articles, letters, and other correspondence which were submitted to the commission by individuals, private groups, or members of the academic community.)
- 3) REPORTS AND DRAFTS OF WORKING GROUPS
 - a) Category 3-a. (Includes reports and drafts from the working groups, and is subdivided into the individual working groups or related categories as follows:
 - i) Chapter 11.
 - ii) Chapter 12.
 - iii) Consumer.
 - iv) Data and Statistics.
 - v) Future Claims, Mass Torts.
 - vi) General, Multi-group, or Unidentified.
 - vii) Government and Tax.

- viii) Jeffery Hartley Handwritten Notes.
- ix) Jurisdiction and Procedure.
- x) Service and Ethics.
- xi) Small Business.
- xii) Transnational.
- xiii) United States Trustee.
- b) Category 3-b. (Includes input to the various working groups from members of working groups, commissioners, or information solicited by one of the above or their representatives, and is subdivided into the related categories as follows:)
 - i) Chapter 11.
 - ii) Consumer.
 - iii) Data and Statistics.
 - iv) Future Claims, Mass Torts.
 - v) General or Unidentified.
 - vi) Government and Tax.
 - vii) Jurisdiction and Procedure.
 - viii) Small Business.
 - ix) United States Trustee.
- 4) DRAFTS OF THE FINAL REPORT (Includes drafts of the final report and a bound copy of the final report.)
- 5) QUARTERLY REPORTS
- 6) PERSONAL CORRESPONDENCE OF JEFFERY J. HARTLEY (From April 1994 through September 1997)
- 7) ASSORTED EPHEMERA (Includes unidentified or detached material which cannot be categorized.)
- 8) CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS, SENATE HEARING STATEMENTS, PROPOSED LEGISLATION (From 1996 through October 1997, and includes legislation or proposed legislation which was pertinent to the commission's activities, and the Senate hearing statements which were presented by each of the commissioners.)
- 9) SEMINAR BROCHURES AND INFORMATION (Includes various brochures and information on seminars which were submitted to the commission.)

Contents of Boxes

Box 1:

- 1) Agenda, Ballots, Meeting Transcripts, Minutes, Progress Reports.
- 1) Bylaws, Historical Information, Mission Statements.
- 1) Chairman Mike Synar Illness/Death.
- 1) Commission Updates.
- 1) Correspondence Concerning Mail Ballots, Dissent.

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- 1) Enclosures.
- 1) Final Report Preparation.
- 1) Fiscal.
- 1) General. (through November 1995)

Box 2:

- 1) General. (December 1995 through October 1997)
- 1) Jeffery Hartley Travel etc.
- 2) Governmental. (through October 1995)

Box 3:

- 2) Governmental. (November 1995 through October 1997)

Box 4:

- 2) Individuals, Private Groups, Academics. (through December 1995)

Box 5:

- 2) Individuals, Private Groups, Academics. (January through July 1996)

Box 6:

- 2) Individuals, Private Groups, Academics. (August 1996 through March 1997)

Box 7:

- 2) Individuals, Private Groups, Academics. (April through June 1997)

Box 8:

- 2) Individuals, Private Groups, Academics. (July through October 1997)

Box 9:

- 3-a) Chapter 11.
- 3-a) Chapter 12.
- 3-a) Consumer. (through September 23, 1997)

Box 10:

- 3-a) Consumer. (September 28, through October 9, 1997)
- 3-a) Data and Statistics.
- 3-a) Future Claims, Mass Torts.
- 3-a) General, Multi-Group, or Unidentified.
- 3-a) Government and Tax.
- 3-a) Jeffery Hartley Handwritten Notes.
- 3-a) Jurisdiction and Procedure.

Box 11:

- 3-a) Service and Ethics.
- 3-a) Small Business.

Box 12:

- 3-a) Transnational.
- 3-a) United States Trustee.
- 3-b) Chapter 11.
- 3-b) Consumer.
- 3-b) Data and Statistics.
- 3-b) Future Claims, Mass Torts.
- 3-b) General or Unidentified.
- 3-b) Government and Tax.

Box 13:

- 3-b) Jurisdiction and Procedure.
- 3-b) Small Business.
- 3-b) United States Trustee.
- 4) Drafts of the Final Report and a Bound Copy of the Final Report.

Box 14:

- 5) Quarterly Reports.
- 6) Personal Correspondence of Jeffery J. Hartley.
- 7) Assorted Ephemera.
- 8) Congressional Hearings, Senate Hearing Statements, Proposed Legislation, etc.
- 9) Seminar Information and Brochures.