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SUMMARY

Size	3 linear feet
Geographic Locations	Westwego, Louisiana and Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Inclusive Dates	1965-1977, undated
Languages	English
Summary	These papers contain the working files of attorney Hugh G. Oliver collected during his tenure on the No-Fault Insurance Committee established by Louisiana Governor Edwin Edwards in 1972.
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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Hugh G. Oliver (1923-1999) was an attorney based out of Westwego, Louisiana. He graduated with his Juris Doctor from Tulane University and was admitted to the Louisiana Bar in 1954. He argued multiple cases where he represented individuals against major insurance companies. He served on the Governor's No-Fault Insurance Committee as chairman. He was appointed to this committee by Governor Edwin Edwards at the recommendation of Sherman A. Bernard, the State Commissioner of Insurance.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

These papers document Hugh G. Oliver's tenure on the Governor's No-Fault Insurance Committee. No-fault insurance is now sometimes referred to as personal injury protection insurance (PIP). This insurance offers coverage separate from the main policy that covers items such as medical bills, income loss, and other related expenses incurred as a result of an accident, regardless of who is at fault. At the time this committee was formed, several states had already passed legislation requiring insurance companies to offer no-fault insurance. There was also an emergence of a national movement for no-fault insurance that made its way into the United States Congress.

The Hugh G. Oliver Papers contain correspondence, research files, publicity materials, and political memorabilia documenting Hugh Oliver's time on the committee. Some research materials include accompanying letters sent to Oliver commenting on the information being sent. There are also copies of lawsuits and acts that either cover no-fault insurance or were filed against the State Commissioner of Insurance during this time. The publicity includes letters to the editor and public releases from Sherman A. Bernard. The political memorabilia folder contains brochures and other mailings from the 1972 election cycle. The Sherman A. Bernard campaign poster includes a letter to volunteers on the back of the poster.

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Series III. Lawsuits and Acts, 1968-1975, undated

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SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Series I. Correspondence, 1971-1976

The correspondence in this series is professional correspondence from Mr. Oliver's time on Governor Edwin Edwards's No-Fault Insurance Committee as a chairman. Of note is a letter found in folder 1 from Sherman A. Bernard, the State Commissioner of Insurance, notifying Mr. Oliver of his appointment to the committee. This series is arranged chronologically.

Series II. Research, 1965-1977, undated

This series consists of research performed by Hugh G. Oliver. This research was mostly done via correspondence. There are letters in this series where he requests information from people in other states and countries. Other places the research covers include Maryland, New York, Puerto Rico, Quebec, and New Zealand.

Series III. Lawsuits and Acts, 1968-1975, undated

The lawsuits and acts in this series include lawsuits against Sherman A. Bernard as the State Commissioner of Insurance and against Evelyn Gandy, the State Commissioner of Insurance for Mississippi. The series is arranged first by lawsuits then by acts. They are then arranged chronologically.

Series IV. Publicity and Political Memorabilia, 1971-1972

This series contains publicity and political memorabilia collected by Hugh G. Oliver. The publicity includes letters to the editor by Oliver, public addresses by Sherman A. Bernard, and publicity releases by the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance. The political memorabilia included in this series includes mostly brochures sent out to constituents across the state for several elections in 1972. Included in this series are several invitations to victory dinners and fundraisers for the 1972 election cycle. This series is arranged chronologically.

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