OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

Agency: Minnesota. Supreme Court.
Series Title: Files of Justice Lawrence Yetka,
Abstract: Files maintained by Supreme Court Associate Justice Lawrence Yetka as a member of the Judicial Council, chairman of the Select Committee on the Judicial System, chairman of the Judicial Planning Committee, and a member of the Governor’s Commission on Crime Prevention and Control.
Quantity: 8.0 cu. ft. (8 boxes).
Location: See Detailed Description section for box locations.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

Records maintained by Supreme Court Associate Justice Lawrence Yetka as a member of the Judicial Council, chairman of the Select Committee on the Judicial System, chairman of the Judicial Planning Committee (also called Judicial Planning Agency), and a member of the Governor's Commission on Crime Prevention and Control.

Issues dealt with in the files include the study of matters relating to improvements of the administration of the state judicial system; preparation of court reorganization legislation; study and analysis of the court system; crime prevention and control; judges' salaries; proposals to redistrict the Minnesota courts and add an eleventh judicial district (1977-1982); and site planning and the architectural competition for construction of a new judicial building (1983-1986). The files contain minutes, agendas, administrative files, correspondence, and reports and printed records.
ORGANIZATION OF THE RECORDS

These records are organized into the following sections:

- Select Committee on the Judicial System.
- Judicial Planning Committee.
- Governor’s Commission on Crime Prevention and Control.
- Miscellaneous Records.

INDEX TERMS

*These records are indexed under the following headings in the catalog of the Minnesota Historical Society. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons or places should search the catalog using these headings.*

Topics:
- Court administration--Minnesota.
- Courts--Minnesota--Officials and employees.
- Courts--Minnesota--Planning.
- Crime prevention--Minnesota.
- District courts--Minnesota--Reorganization.
- Judges--Minnesota.
- Judicial councils--Minnesota.
- Minnesota Judicial Center (Saint Paul, Minn.).
- Planning.
- Public defenders--Minnesota.
- Researching.

Persons:
- Yetka, Lawrence R., 1924-

Organizations:
- Minnesota. Select Committee on the Judicial System.
ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE RECORDS

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The Judicial Council was created in 1937 under Minn. Stat. 483.01 for the purpose of studying matters relating to the improvement of the administration of the state judicial system. Originally seven members were appointed by the Governor, and the other four were ex officio representatives of the Supreme Court, the District Courts (2), and the Probate Courts. It is still (1993) in existence. A few of the files listed below include items pre-dating Justice Yetka’s service on the Council.

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Select Committee on the Judicial System, 1974-1977. 1 box and 1 partial box.

The Select Committee on the Judicial System was a project sponsored by the Judicial Council primarily for the purpose of preparing court reorganization legislation. Members were appointed by Chief Justice Robert J. Sheran. The committee existed from 1974 to 1977, when its final report was issued. Its work culminated in the Court Reorganization Act of 1977.

Location Box

129.K.12.5B 1 S-100.0 Membership, 1974-1975.
S-100.2 Minutes, 1974-1976.
    Photocopies; may not be complete. See S-100.22 for meeting transcripts.
S-100.3 Meeting Files, 1974-1975. 5 folders.
S-100.4 Correspondence with Staff and Committee Members, 1974-1977. 2 folders.
S-100.5 General Correspondence, 1974-1977.

129.K.12.6F 2 S-100.6 Grant Applications, 1974-1975.
S-100.7 Court Meetings on Select Committee Deliberations, 1974.
S-100.9 Edward McConnell Suggestions (National Center for State Courts), 1974.
S-100.10 Opinion on Appellate Court (Steve Muth), 1974.
S-100.14 Committee Proposals, 1974-1976.
S-100.15 Committee Reports to Legislature, et al., 1975-1976.
S-100.16 Questionnaire Forms, [ca. 1975].
S-100.18 Tentative Schedule, 1975-1976.
S-100.21 Yetka’s Notes Taken at Meetings, 1974-1977.
S-100.22 Transcripts of Meetings, 1974-1975.
    (see S-100.2 for meetings)
S-100.24 Resolutions from County and Other Units of Government Regarding Select Committee Bill, 1976-1977.
S-100.28 District Meetings on Court Reorganization, 1977.
[no #]. Miscellaneous Correspondence, 1974-1977.
Location       Box
129.K.12.6F   2         Reports:
Survey of Unified Court Organizations, 1974.


Organized in December, 1976; also known as the Judicial Planning Agency. Members
were selected from pre-existing planning committees, including the Select Committee and the
Judicial Council. The committee’s purpose was to study and analyze the court system and
make recommendations for improvement. Most topics were assigned to subcommittees for in-
depth study and presentation to the full committee.

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Meeting Notes, 1976-1979.  1 folder.
Minutes, agendas, correspondence, reports, and related papers.
Alternative Dispute Resolution, 1982-1984.  2 folders.
Court Services, 1984.
Multi-Year Court Plan, 1977-1978.
Referee/Judicial Officers/Family Court, 1980.
Trial Court Budget and Personnel, 1977-1981.  3 folders.
Administrative Files:
Correspondence, 1977-1982.
Correspondence, Membership, 1976-1984.  3 folders.
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Correspondence with Staff, 1977-1979.
Court Administration Act of 1977: Comments Regarding
   Amendments to, 1978.
Grant Applications, Staff Reviews, and Correspondence, 1977-1978.
   5 folders.
Intermediate Appellate Court, 1979-1981. 2 folders.
Membership Rosters, Judicial Planning Committee and
Minnesota Bar Association: Intermediate Appellate Court
National Center for State Courts Study: Comments Regarding,

129.K.13.1B       5
Sheran [Chief Justice] Presentation to Congress on Federal-State
   Relations, 1977.
Staff Reports, 1982.

Reports and Printed Records:
Minnesota Court Organization Study: Areas of Divergence from
   American Bar Association Standards, [ca. 1978].
The Case for a Minnesota Court of Appeals [final report of the
   Intermediate Appellate Court Subcommittee], 1980.
Report on the Use of Para-Judicial Personnel in the Minnesota
   Courts, 1980.
Minnesota Judges Criminal Benchbook:
   First edition, 1982. 2 folders.
   1983 supplement. 1 folder.
   1984 supplement. 1 folder.
   1987 supplement. 1 folder.
   [actually issued by the State Court Administrator]

Miscellaneous materials relating to the organization and activities of the commission, sent to Justice Yetka as informational copies. Only a couple of memos reflect his participation in the commission’s work.

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|                 |     | Pertaining to the Committee on Redistricting Minnesota County Courts. Justice Yetka served as chair of the committee. Records include meeting minutes and notes, correspondence, and plans and other records for ten judicial districts.  
|                 |     | Background. 2 folders.  
|                 |     | Cornerstone ceremony, with Yetka’s remarks, October 26, 1988.  
|                 |     | History Center Site Selection, 1984.  
|                 |     | Miscellaneous, 1982-1983.  
|                 |     | Newspaper Clippings, 1984-1990.  
|                 |     | Design submissions, proposals, and program studies from architectural firms and building consultants. Justice Yetka served as a competition judge.  
|                 |     | (A few reports on the judicial building are also cataloged individually as part of the MHS Library collections.)  
