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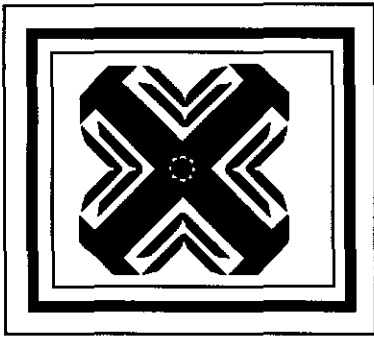
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HILDEBRAND (IRA P.) PAPERS, 1883-1944

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**Hildebrand, Ira Polk, 1876-1944.**

Ira Polk Hildebrand papers, 1883-1944.  
5.8 linear ft.

Ira Polk Hildebrand, born in La Grange, Texas, acquired a B.A. degree at Texas Christian University in 1897, and B.A. and L.L.B. degrees at The University of Texas in 1899. He took another L.L.B. at Harvard in 1902. After private practice in San Antonio he became professor of law at Texas in 1907. In 1912 he compiled, with E. H. Warren, *Select Cases and Other Authorities on the Law of Private Corporations* and, in 1942, wrote *The Law of Texas Corporations*. He became dean of the Law School in 1924, serving until 1940, and introduced the case method of law teaching to Texas. Dean Hildebrand was intensely concerned to improve the law school and devoted considerable effort to recruiting faculty. He was also keenly aware of student money problems in the lean years of the Depression and worked on fellowships and grants for them, some through the Federal Emergency Relief Administration during the 1930s. The dean was well-known nationally, and respected for his work on stricter standards for the legal profession. His legal advice was sought by the University of Texas on the Permanent University Fund controversies and other matters. He was active on the Texas Civil Judicial Council and did considerable work for the Texas Bar Association and the American Law Institute. Hildebrand voiced strong, sometimes exaggerated, opinions on many subjects, including individual students and politics.

The largest portion of the collection, Law School Administration Files, consists primarily of the files of the Dean of the University of Texas School of Law during the time Hildebrand held that post, and document all aspects of the Law School's administration under Hildebrand's deanship. Also present is correspondence on public matters, typescript & manuscript notes for books, class material with top student papers, and printed reference sources. University of Texas files reflect Hildebrand's service in University-wide activities, particularly as legal adviser to the University administration in a struggle with Texas A&M University over apportionment of the Permanent University Fund. The State of Texas and National Files relate to Hildebrand's involvement in legal and professional organizations, and in public affairs. Of special interest are letters concerning the recruitment of new faculty, work with the Texas Bar Association, Negroes entering law schools, and President Roosevelt's plan for enlarging the Supreme Court.

The arrangement starts with law school administration and continues to university, state, and national subjects. Within these groupings the papers are chronological. Printed materials are mainly at the end of the collection.

Four items (2 letters, 2 essays) from Faculty Personnel Files; transferred by Associate Dean Alex Albright, 1/31/2003 (AR2003-002).

Cite as: Ira P. Hildebrand Papers, Tarlton Law Library, University of Texas at Austin.

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Box/folder no.:      Description:

Law School Administration files:

I15/1            Dean of the School of Law material and teachers's reports, 1920-1931

I15/2            Dean of the School of Law material and teachers's reports, 1931-1936

I15/3            Dean's correspondence, 1931-1937<sup>1</sup>

I15/4            Law school loan fund material, 1916-1917

I15/5            Statistics of law school, 1883-1938 & undated

I15/6            Lists and correspondence re law school graduates, 1922-1934

I15/7            Lists and correspondence re law school graduates, 1935-1939 & undated

I15/8            Student degree cards, 1941

I16/1            Failures in law school, 1924-1939

I16/2            Student (Ward) examination book, undated

I16/3            Annuity plan memoranda, 1935

I16/4            Federal Emergency Relief Administration material, 1934-1937

I16/5            Fellowship and research grant material, 1929-1934

I16/6            University scholarship and fellowship correspondence, 1940

I16/7            Law library correspondence and memoranda, 1933-1939

I16/8            Prizes material, 1925-1935

I16/9            Prizes material, 1936-1939

I16/10            Donations material, 1929 & 1933

I16/11            Hildebrand questionnaire to law schools, 1934-1935

I17/1            General correspondence, 1919-1944 & undated

I17/2            Miscellaneous University of Texas School of Law material, 1920-1938 & undated

I17/3            Honor code material, 1928-1936

I17/4            Professors of law (prospective) correspondence, 1924-1930

I17/5            Professors of law (prospective) correspondence, 1932-1934

I17/6            Professors of law (prospective) correspondence, 1935

I17/7            Professors of law (prospective) correspondence, 1936-1937

I17/8            Tarlton question and study book, undated

I18/1            Texas Law Review material, 1921-1922

I18/2            New rules for admission to law school material, 1926-1938

I18/3            Legal education and admission to the bar material, 1922-1934

I18/4            Legal education and admission to the bar material, 1935-1939

I18/5            Townes, John C., material, 1921-1926 & undated

I18/6            Stock certificates, 1915

I18/7            Ephemera, 1925, 1931 & undated

I18/8            Adelson v. Dittmar and White bankruptcy legal material, 1934 & undated

I18/9            Cornell University material, 1929-1932

I18/10

Harvard University material, 1935-1938

Books and manuscript files:

I19/1 Typescript and manuscript notes for books, undated  
I19/2 Typescript and manuscript notes for books, undated  
I19/3 Typescript and manuscript notes for books, undated  
I19/4 Typescript and manuscript notes for books, undated  
I20/1 Typescript and manuscript notes for books, undated  
I20/2 Riparian rights material, 1927  
I20/3 Drafts of chapters of book and reference material,  
1938  
I20/4 Miscellaneous notes, undated  
I20/5 Hildebrand writings and miscellaneous tracts,  
undated  
I20/6 Essay, "What are the True Functions of the  
Government of a State?" (AR2003-002), undated  
I20/7 Essay, "The Business Man in Politics" (AR2003-  
002), undated

Classes and student papers files:

I21/1 Legal bibliography class material, 1915-1916 &  
undated  
I21/2 Corporate law class assignments and practice sets,  
undated  
I21/3 Criminal procedure class lecture notes, undated  
I21/4 Lecture or book manuscript notes, undated  
I21/5 Miscellaneous class material, 1933 & undated  
I22/1 Corporate law student papers, 1909 & undated  
I22/2 Corporate law student papers, 1913-1924 & undated  
I22/3 Contracts law student papers, 1910-1917 & undated  
I22/4 Contracts law student papers, 1919-1920, 1933 &  
undated  
I22/5 Miscellaneous student papers, 1919, 1927 & undated

Reference files:

I23/1 Miscellaneous typescript material, undated  
I23/2 Printed speeches, other authors, 1906-1914  
I23/3 Printed speeches, other authors, 1915-1927  
I23/4 Speeches, other authors, 1920-1935 & undated  
I23/5 Typescript speeches by or about Hildebrand, 1939 &  
undated<sup>2</sup>

University of Texas files:

I24/1 University administration material, 1920-1928,  
1937 & undated  
I24/2 Discipline committee material, 1920  
I24/3 Benedict, H. Y., correspondence and legal  
material, 1917-1932 & undated  
I24/4 Commencement material, 1920 & 1925  
I24/5 Miscellaneous legal material, 1919-1924 & undated  
I24/6 Mezes, S. E., correspondence and legal material,  
1912  
I24/7 Permanent Fund reference material, University of  
Texas and Texas A&M, 1862-1917  
I24/8 Permanent Fund correspondence and reference  
material, University of Texas and Texas A&M,  
1923-1930  
I24/9 University oil lands material, 1925-1931

State of Texas files:

I25/1 State administration and legislative material,  
1917-1935 & undated  
I25/2 Appropriation Bill material, 1927-1937  
I25/3 Texas Civil Judicial Council material, 1929-1930  
I25/4 Texas Civil Judicial Council material, 1931-1932  
I25/5 Texas Civil Judicial Council material, 1933-1934  
I25/6 Texas Civil Judicial Council material, 1935-1936  
I25/7 Deeds and deeds of trust, 1913-1924  
I26/1 Legislation and opinions material, 1921-1926  
I26/2 Opinions correspondence, 1933-1939  
I26/3 Texas Bar Association material, 1913, 1923-1928  
I26/4 Texas Bar Association material, 1929-1932  
I26/5 Texas Bar Association material, 1933-1935  
I26/6 Texas Bar Association material, 1936-1938

National files:

I27/1 Association of American Law Schools  
correspondence, 1924, 1933-1939  
I27/2 American Bar Association material, 1935-1939  
I27/3 American Law Institute correspondence, 1928-1940  
I27/4 Institute for the Study of Law material, 1935-1939  
I27/5 U. S. Federation of Justice material, 1928-1930  
I27/6 Federal Housing Administration material, 1935  
I27/7 Negroes entering law schools material, 1936-1940  
I27/8 Packing the Supreme Court material, 1937-1938  
I27/9 Sheppard Bill material, 1939  
I27/10 Nathan Burkan competition material, 1937-1940

Printed material files:

I28/1 Newspaper clippings, 1915-1938  
I28/2 Appeals courts audit reports, 1944  
I28/3 Miscellaneous printed material, 1900-1938  
I28/4 Photographs, 1933-1936

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<sup>1</sup> Contains a letter describing the production and publication process for early UT Law School casebooks.

<sup>2</sup> Includes Hildebrand's farewell speech as dean of UT Law School, 1939.