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Overview of the Records

Repository:	New York State Archives
Summary:	This series consists of correspondence, memoranda, minutes, rough notes, newspaper clippings, proposed legislation, reports, publications, legal briefs, trial transcripts, and other printed material. In addition, this series contains files dealing with the Constitutional Convention of 1967, the Joint Legislative Committee on Mental and Physical Handicaps, discharges and conditional releases of patients in mental health facilities, community services, state aid programs, and draft files for new legislation pertaining to mental illness.
Creator:	New York (State). Office of Mental Health. Office of Counsel
Title:	Office of Counsel legislative files
Quantity:	5 cubic feet
Inclusive Date:	1962-1979
Bulk Date:	bulk [circa 1964-1975]
Series:	12046

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Arrangement

Organized into two subseries: 1. Correspondence Files; 2. Subject Files.

Correspondence Files: chronological.

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Scope and Content Note

This series consists of correspondence, memoranda, minutes, rough notes, newspaper clippings, proposed legislation, reports, publications, legal briefs, trial transcripts, and other printed material.

The bulk of these files were compiled or generated by Martin Faust, who acted as Deputy Counsel with the Department of Mental Hygiene's Office of Counsel. As such, Faust was involved mainly with the drafting of new legislation pertaining to mental illness. In addition, this series contains files dealing with the Constitutional Convention of 1967, the Joint Legislative Committee on Mental and Physical Handicaps, discharges and conditional releases of patients in mental health facilities, community services, and state aid programs. Finally, there are transcripts, subject files, and legal records pertaining to a criminal trial which was eventually appealed to the Court of Appeals.

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Other Finding Aids

Available at Repository

General subject/partial folder list is available at the repository.

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Use of Records

Access Restrictions

Restricted in accordance with Mental Hygiene Law, Section 33.13, relating to confidentiality of clinical records. Access is permitted under certain conditions upon approval by the Office of Mental Health.

Access Terms

- Mental health laws
- Mentally ill
- Legislating
- New York (State)
- Legislative records
- Mental health facilities
- New York (State). Department of Mental Hygiene