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**New York State Counsel to the Governor Judiciary Subject
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Overview of the Records

Repository:	New York State Archives
Summary:	This series consists of the subject files of the Counsel to the Governor's office which relate to New York State courts. The Counsel's responsibilities advising the Governor on policy and program matters and making recommendations on proposed legislation and on all appointments to the judiciary. Records relate to the New York State Courts and the Temporary State Commission on the Courts, and focus on court organization and appointments, salaries and workloads of judges.
Creator:	New York (State). Counsel to the Governor
Title:	Judiciary subject files
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Arrangement

Alphabetical.

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Administrative History

Governor W. Averell Harriman chose Judge Daniel Gutman, President Justice of the Municipal Court of New York, as his counsel. Mr. Gutman, a former Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York and an Assistant District Attorney of Kings County, served in the New York State Assembly from 1938 to 1939 and the New York State Senate from 1939 to 1943. In 1943, he was elected as a Justice of the Municipal Court and in February 1954, he was appointed President Justice.

The duties of the Counsel to the Governor included clearing and making recommendations on proposed legislation; acting as a liaison between the Governor's Office and the State

Legislature; negotiating interstate or international agreements; clearing all contracts, as to content and form, which required the Governor's signature (Power Authority contracts, etc.); making recommendations on all appointments to the judiciary; acting as a liaison between the Governor and all investigative bodies; making recommendations on applications for pardons and clemency; and advising the Governor on many policy and program matters.

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Scope and Content Note

This series consists of the subject files of the Counsel to the Governor's office which relate to New York State courts. Records include correspondence, memoranda, telegrams, press releases, reports, hearings, lists and charts relating to the New York State Courts and the Temporary State Commission on the Courts. The records focus on court organization and appointments, salaries and workloads of judges.

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Other Finding Aids

Available at Repository

Partial folder list.

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Use of Records

Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions regarding access to or use of the material.

Administrative Information

Custodial History

This series was transferred to Syracuse University from Governor Harriman in 1959, and was transferred to the New York State Archives in 2006. It was accessioned in October 2011.

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Access Terms

- Press releases
- Hearings
- New York (State)
- Reports
- New York (State)--Officials and employees--Selection and appointment
- Judges--New York (State)
- Correspondence
- Courts--New York (State)
- Memorandums
- Administering state government
- Telegrams
- New York (State). Governor (1955-1958 : Harriman)
- New York (State). Temporary Commission on the Courts