

Guide to the Halina Kretkowski Papers

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Kretkowski, Halina N., 1946-
Title:	Halina Kretkowski Papers
ID:	MS-00880
Date [inclusive]:	1962 to 1991
Physical Description:	1.20 Cubic Feet (2 boxes)
Physical Description:	1.08 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Halina Kretkowski Papers (1962-1991) consist of documents detailing Halina Kretkowski's life during high school, college, and law school. The majority of the materials are notes and coursework from Kretkowski's studies at the University of Wisconsin and the Golden Gate University School of Law in San Francisco, California. Also included are political magazines and personal correspondence.

Preferred Citation

Halina Kretkowski Papers, 1962-1991. MS-00880. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Biographical Note

Halina N. Kretkowski was born in Edinburgh, Scotland on January 26, 1946. Halina and her parents immigrated to the United States in November 1955 on the Queen Mary from Southampton, England. They settled in Wausau, Wisconsin, and Halina graduated from Wausau High School in 1964. She attended the University of Wisconsin as an undergraduate. In 1972, Halina enrolled at the Golden Gate University School of Law in San Francisco, California. She passed the California bar exam in 1978 and remained in California, where she married Edwin D. Jones in 1983. Jones passed away two years later, in 1985. Kretkowski worked as an insurance lobbyist for the California State Automobile Association (CSAA). This work brought her to Nevada frequently,

because the CSAA was one of the largest automobile insurers in Nevada during the 1980s and 1990s. She married Nevada state senator John Vergiels in 1991. She passed the Nevada bar exam in 1992 and began practicing law in the state. Halina and John were married until John's death in 2009. As of 2020, Halina N. Kretkowski lives in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Source:

"Ex-anchorwoman, State Senator Expect Brutal Election Battle." *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, March 1, 1992.

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Scope and Contents Note

The Halina Kretkowski Papers (1962-1991) contain academic records and coursework, personal correspondence, and political magazines. The majority of the materials are notes, exams, and coursework from Kretkowski's studies at the University of Wisconsin and the Golden Gate University School of Law in San Francisco, California. Kretkowski studied subjects such as English, political science, history, and linguistics at the University of Wisconsin, and contracts, insurance law, torts, and civil procedure at Golden Gate University. The academic records also include admissions and financial documents and Law School Admission Test (LSAT) scores. Kretkowski studied abroad in Europe for one year during high school, and the collection includes letters from family and friends written to Halina during this time. Other items include political magazines detailing state legislature and government.

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Arrangement

Materials are arranged by topic.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

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Acquisition Note

Materials were periodically collected by the University Libraries Special Collections and Archives; accession number 2020-013.

Processing Note

In 2020, Lauren Paljusaj processed the collection, entered the data into ArchivesSpace, and wrote the finding aid.

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Related Materials

Related Collections

The following resource may provide additional information related to the materials in this collection:

John Vergiels Political Papers, 1964-1997. MS-00283. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

- Politics and government
- Practice of law
- Law schools

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Academic records and coursework, 1964 to 1977	

History, political science, and English coursework, University of Wisconsin, 1964	box 01
European history, political science, and geography coursework, University of Wisconsin, 1965	box 01
Soviet literature, Slavic linguistics, and poetry coursework, University of Wisconsin, 1968 Physical Description: 2 Files	box 01
Civil procedure coursework, Golden Gate University School of Law, 1972	box 01
Torts coursework, Golden Gate University School of Law, 1972 to 1973	box 01
Insurance law coursework, Golden Gate University School of Law, 1972 to 1973	box 01
Contracts coursework, Golden Gate University School of Law, 1972 to 1973 Physical Description: 2 Files	box 01
Admissions and financial information, class schedule, and new student handbook, Golden Gate University School of Law, 1972	box 02
California Bar Exam workbook published by Johnson's Bar Review Center, 1976	box 02
Personal documents, 1962 to 1972	
Federal income tax forms and W-2, 1970 to 1972	box 02
Correspondence from friends and family to Halina Kretkowski during her study abroad year in Europe, 1962 to 1963	box 02
Postcard set from Pushkin, Russia; Russian greeting cards and postcards; Christmas cards; wallet, 1962 to 1970	box 02
Legal and political documents, 1991	
Legal notices and political advertisement, Carson City <i>Nevada Appeal</i> , 1991 June 26	box 02
<i>State Government News</i> , 1991 August, 1991 November	box 02
<i>State Legislatures</i> , 1991 July	box 02
<i>Campaign Washington</i> , 1991 August to 1991 September	box 02
<i>Nevada</i> magazine, 1991 December	box 02
"Modern Day Snake Oil: Term Limitations and Why They Must be Defeated" report, 1991 October	box 02