Bradway Legal Aid Collection, Duke & UNC-Chapel Hill Law Libraries
1915-1959 & undated

Abstract
Duke University had one of the first legal aid clinics associated with a law school. This collection contains material that was held by the law school library to support that clinic. It also contains legal aid material collected by the clinic’s director, John S. Bradway, as well as some authored by him. In addition some items were once part of the University of North Carolina’s Law Library but were withdrawn at some point. The collection contains the transcripts of five annual conventions of the National Association of Legal Aid Organizations.

Descriptive Summary
Title: Bradway Legal Aid Collection, Duke & UNC Law Libraries
Date: 1915-1959 & undated
Creator: John S. Bradway, the Duke University Law Library, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill’s Law Library
Extent: Approximately 121 items (1.67 linear feet)
Repository: J. Michael Goodson Law Library
Language: Material in English

Collection Overview
John Saeger Bradway founded the Duke Legal Aid Clinic in 1931 and served as its director until 1959 when he assumed emeritus status. A pioneer in clinical education, Bradway modeled the Duke clinic on one he had established at the University of Southern California in 1929, seeking to combine the theoretical training of the classroom with practical and, in his view, essential instruction for students in draftsmanship, trial and appellate practice, research and writing, counseling, and negotiation. The clinic served members of minority, indigent, immigrant, and military communities and others who were not otherwise able to afford legal services. The clinical staff included five North Carolina lawyers who assisted with clinic and case management and client representation.

Bradway devoted much of his career to legal aid. He served as secretary of the National Association of Legal Aid Organizations (NALAO) from 1922 to 1940, and as president 1940 to 1942. The organization is now known as the National Legal Aid and Defender Association. He chaired the legal aid committees of the Pennsylvania and North Carolina Bar Associations, the Legal Aid Clinics Committee of the Association of American Law Schools, and the Research Committee for the Interprofessional Commission on Marriage and Divorce Laws. He was active with the National Conference of Social Work, the American Association of Social Workers, and the International Bar Association. Bradway was also active in several other charities and philanthropic organizations.
A native of Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, Bradway received both his undergraduate and master’s degrees at Haverford College, in 1911 and 1915 respectively. He received his law degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1914, after which he entered general practice. He began his teaching career in 1927 in the University of Pennsylvania’s Sociology Department and the Pennsylvania School of Social and Health Work before joining the faculty of the University of Southern California in 1929 as professor of law and director of the Legal Aid Clinic.

This collection contains legal aid material collected by Bradway. Some of the material was once held by the Duke and the UNC-Chapel Hill law school libraries. Besides pamphlets on legal aid societies, it also includes articles written by Bradway, and the transcripts of five annual conventions of the National Association of Legal Aid Organizations.

**Administrative Information**

**Access Restrictions**
Collection is open for research.

All or portions of this collection may be housed off-site in Duke University's Library Service Center. Consequently, there may be a 48-hour delay in obtaining these materials. Please contact staff before visiting the Goodson Law Library to use this collection.

**Use Restrictions**
The copyright interests in this collection have not been transferred to the Goodson Law Library.

**Contents of the Collection**

**Box 1**
Legal Aid Society Pamphlets, 1915-1932

**Box 2**
Legal Aid Society Pamphlets, 1934-1958

**Box 3**
Legal Aid Society Pamphlets, undated
Bradway, John S., Articles on Legal Aid, 1923-1959

Transcripts, Annual Convention of the National Association of Legal Aid Organizations, 1926 & 1931

**Box 4**
Transcripts, Annual Convention of the National Association of Legal Aid Organizations, 1936, 1937, & 1939

**Provenance**
This material was found in storage in the Goodson Law Library at Duke Law in 2018.

Processing Information
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