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Author: Goolsby, C. Tolbert.

Title: C. Tolbert. Goolsby papers, 1954-2007.

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Summary:

Chiefly scrapbooks of speeches, photographs, correspondence, newspaper clippings, and other papers of jurist C. Tolbert Goolsby, Jr., related to his career in the South Carolina Attorney General's office, private practice, and the South Carolina Court of Appeals.

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Background:

C. Tolbert Goolsby, Jr., son of Clarence Tolbert and Mary Agnes Cowart Goolsby, was born in Montgomery, Alabama, in 1935, and raised in Dothan, Ala. Drafted into the U.S. Army in 1954, he served in the Third Army Band and later the Third Army Special Services, traveling with and playing drums for the combo that backed up the package show called "Holiday." In 1956, he continued the education he had begun at the University of Alabama by enrolling at The Citadel, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science in 1959. In 1962, he received a Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of South Carolina School of Law. He earned a Master of Laws degree from the University of Virginia in 1992.

Goolsby served as Assistant Attorney General, 1962 - 1972, Deputy Attorney General, 1973-1983, and Chief Deputy Attorney General in 1983. At its inception by the legislature in 1983, Goolsby was elected to the South Carolina Court of Appeals. He also served as Acting Associate Justice with the South Carolina

Supreme Court on several occasions and as Chairman of the Supreme Court Commission on Judicial Education, 1985-1991. He served on the Executive Committee of the Appellate Judges Conference of the American Bar Association and was editor of the Appellate Judges News, an ABA publication. The Citadel conferred upon Judge Goolsby an honorary Doctor of Laws degree in 2005. Due to state law requiring retirement at age 72, Judge Goolsby left the appellate court upon the expiration of his term, 30 June 2007, the last of the court's original six members.

In addition to two legal works, *The South Carolina Tort Claims Act: A Primer and Then Some* and *South Carolina Death Penalty Act Handbook and Manual of Suggested Forms, Procedures and Instructions*, and several short stories appearing in anthologies, Judge Goolsby has authored five published works of fiction: *Sweet Potato Biscuits and Other Stories*, *The Box With the Green Bow and Ribbon*, *Her Own Law*, *Humanity Darling*, and *Harpers' Joy*.

Box 1

- Goolsby Bios
 - publication materials on The Honorable C. Tolbert Goolsby Jr.
- Greeting Cards (2 folders)
 - cards from various family, friends, and co-workers
- Goolsby Speeches, Interviews & Remarks (October 15, 1964 – March 27, 1989)
 - “Law Commencement Address, January 1988”
 - “South Carolina Institute For Prosecuting Attorneys”
- Goolsby Speeches, Interviews & Remarks (1993 – October 2, 2005)
 - “Remarks At The Memorial Service Held In The Florence County Court House For The Honorable John P. Gardner, Judge Of The SC Court Of Appeals 1983-1993 By C. Tolbert Goolsby Jr.”
 - “SC Bar Foundation Oral History Project – Goolsby Interview”
 - “Randy Bell’s Portrait Unveiling By C. Tolbert Goolsby Jr. Judge, South Carolina Court Of Appeals”
 - “On The Occasion Of Judge Cureton’s Retirement By Goolsby”
- Goolsby Personal (April 10, 1954 – December 11, 2003)
 - certificates, correspondence, and misc
- Goolsby Personal (May 25, 2004 – April 18, 2007)
 - correspondence and misc

- writings about C. Tolbert Goolsby Jr. by fellow employees
- "CHINA TRIP TAKEN IN JULY 2005"
- ABA – Joint Subcommittee On Judicial Discipline (1994)
 - "Model Rules For Judicial Disciplinary Enforcement, June 1994"
- Goolsby Writing Career (August 17, 1995 – November 5, 2006)
 - certificates, awards, and correspondence
- Goolsby Writing Career Publications (December 12, 1997 – October 15, 2006)
 - newspaper and magazine clippings about his writing and his involvement in the Inkplots, a group of local S.C. writers
 - "Book Reviews of Judge Goolsby's Novel *Her Own Law*"
 - "Eye On The Arts"
- Alex Sanders (1983 – May 6, 2003)
 - correspondence and publications
 - "The Times: The Nineteen-Twenties By Rebecca G. Fulmer Law Clerk for Judge Alexander M. Sanders, Jr. Chief Judge, South Carolina Court Of Appeals"
 - "Everything You Always Wanted to Know about Judges – But were Afraid to Ask, By Alexander M. Sanders, Jr."
 - "Preserving Issues On Appeal Proper Drafting Of Exceptions, by Alexander M. Sanders, Jr. Chief Judge, S.C. Court of Appeals"
- Matthew Perry Courthouse Dedication (March 24, 2004 - April 24, 2004)
 - newspaper clippings and correspondence relating to Matthew Perry's Dedication Ceremony
- Graduate Program For Jurists
 - photos and correspondence
- Goolsby Law Career (March 1, 1962 – February 14, 1975)
 - correspondence and memorandums
- Goolsby Law Career – Goolsby's Death Penalty Act Handbook (August 1977)
 - "South Carolina Death Penalty Act Handbook And Manual Of Suggested Forms, Procedures, And Instructions: prepared by The Office of the South Carolina Attorney General, C. Tolbert Goolsby, Jr. Deputy Attorney General"
- Goolsby Law Career (July 20, 1979 – July 1, 2007)
 - correspondence, certificates, publications, and clippings
 - "Swearing In Ceremony For Judges Randall T. Bell And C. Tolbert Goolsby, Jr. May 3, 1989"

- Goolsby Law Career Publications (January 28, 1962 – March 7, 2007)
 - newspaper and magazine clippings, and programs,
- Criminal Law
- Equity Outline
- Goolsby Request For Support Letters For 1983 Candidacy (March 9 – August 12)
 - correspondence
- 1983 Candidacy For Appellant Court (March 1 – June 22)
 - correspondence
 - “Judiciary Screening Committee Personal Data Questionnaire”
- 1983 Candidacy For Appellant Court (June 23 – July 7)
 - correspondence
- 1983 Candidacy For Appellant Court (July 8 – July 21)
 - correspondence
- 1983 Candidacy For Appellant Court (July 22 – July 29)
 - correspondence
- 1983 Candidacy For Appellant Court (August 1 – September 12)
 - correspondence
- Goolsby photographs (1962-2005)
- Goolsby Portrait Unveiling of Judge Randall T. Bell (Cassette Tape)

Scrapbooks

Box 2

- GOOLSBY SCRAPBOOK
6 June 1959 – 29 Aug. 1973
clippings and correspondence
- GOOLSBY SCRAPBOOK
26 Jan. 1974 – 2 Dec. 1983
clippings, correspondence, and publications
- GOOLSBY SCRAPBOOK
1983 Court Appeals
clippings and correspondence

Box 3

- GOOLSBY SCRAPBOOK
10 Aug. 1984 – 19 Aug. 1986
photos, correspondence, clippings, misc, and publications
- GOOLSBY SCRAPBOOK
4 Sept. 1986 – 26 Oct. 1989
clippings and publications

- GOOLSBY SCRAPBOOK
5 Feb. 1989 – 30 Dec. 1991
clippings, photos, correspondence, and publications

Box 4

- GOOLSBY SCRAPBOOK
13 Feb. 1992 – 25 Aug. 1993
clippings, correspondence, and publications
- GOOLSBY SCRAPBOOK
7 Jan. 1994 – 2 May 2000
clippings, photos, misc, and correspondence
- GOOLSBY SCRAPBOOK
10 Jan. 1996 – 1 May 2000
correspondence, misc, and publications

Box 5

- GOOLSBY SCRAPBOOK
11 July 1990 - 1/27/2000 & undated
clippings and correspondence
- GOOLSBY SCRAPBOOK
undated
photos, misc, and correspondence