

HAMES, MARGIE PITTS

Margie Pitts Hames papers, 1969-1993

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- Creator:** Hames, Margie Pitts
- Title:** Margie Pitts Hames papers, 1969-1993
- Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 825
- Extent:** 98.75 linear ft. (100 boxes)
- Abstract:** The personal and professional papers of Atlanta lawyer Margie Pitts Hames. Subjects covered include abortion rights, women's rights, school desegregation, employment discrimination, workers compensation, personal injury, social security claims, domestic relations, criminal defense, medical malpractice, defense, educational rights for gifted and disabled children, and general civil litigation.
- Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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Collection Description**Biographical Note**

Margie Pitts Hames practiced law in Atlanta from 1962, until her death in 1994. Born in Milton, Tennessee in 1933, Hames graduated with honors from Kittrell High School in 1951. After receiving her B.S. at Middle Tennessee State University, Hames attended Vanderbilt University School of Law where she received her J.D. in 1961. After graduation she worked with Fisher and Phillips in Atlanta on labor-management relations. After the birth of her children, Adam and Donia, she left the firm in 1968 and the following year began volunteer work for the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, a Ford Foundation project that worked to prevent confrontations between civil rights demonstrators and police. She opened her own firm in 1971. Hames actively engaged in cases involving abortion rights, women's rights, school desegregation, employment discrimination, workers compensation, personal injury, social security claims, domestic relations, criminal defense, medical malpractice, defense, educational rights for gifted and disabled children, and general civil litigation. Hames served as a legal counsel for several major Atlanta abortion clinics including Atlanta Surgi Center, Hillcrest Clinic, Summit Medical Center, Midtown Hospital, and the Atlanta Center for Reproductive Health. She argued *Doe v. Bolton* before the United States Supreme Court that helped make abortion legal in the United States. Other important cases included *Drummond v. Fulton County Department of Family and Children's Services*, in which she defended the right of a white couple to adopt a multi racial child; *Sinyard v. Foote and Davies* which integrated women into previously all male job classifications; *Leonard v. City of Columbus* in which she represented a group of Afro-American police officers attempting to establish an Afro-American Patrolman's League; and *Comstock v. Eastern Airlines* in which Hames assisted with a class action suit involving employment discrimination. Hames participated in many civic activities in Atlanta including the Southern Coalition for Educational Equity; Planned Parenthood; American Civil Liberties Union; Rape Crisis Task Force; Leadership Atlanta; the Individual Rights Section of the State Bar; Women Trial Lawyers Organization; Georgia Association of Women Lawyers; and the Georgia Commission of the International Year of the Child.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of the personal and professional papers of Margie Pitts Hames from 1969-1993. The papers consist of subject files and legal case files. The subject files contain extensive research on legal issues linked to Margie Pitts Hames's major cases, information on her professional life, personal information, and material from her unsuccessful campaign for Georgia Supreme Court Justice in 1982. The series also contains material from Cynthia McKinney's campaign for the House of Representatives in 1992-1993, miscellaneous correspondence, and many materials dealing with the American Civil Liberties Union.

The case files include primarily legal documents, depositions, transcripts, correspondence, notes, and evidence. The files provide much information on Equal Employment Opportunity Commission cases, abortion clinics, civil rights in Atlanta, and family law. Several lawyers received their start in the legal profession by working for Hames and are well represented in the collection, including Alice Bonner, Blenna Stone, Mary Oakley, Barbara Bethune, and Timothy Wolfe.

Arrangement Note

Organized into two series: (1) Subject files and (2) Case files.

Description of Series

[Series 1: Subject Files](#)

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Series 1

Subject Files

Boxes 1 - 13

Scope and Content Note

The series contains subject files that primarily contain extensive research on legal issues linked to Hames's major cases. Of particular interest is the material on abortion rights and efforts to pass pro-choice legislation in Georgia. The subject files also contain information on her professional life including materials from Hames's unsuccessful campaign for Georgia Supreme Court Justice in 1982, the Atlanta Bar Association, the Individual Rights Section of the Georgia State Bar that Hames help found, and the American Civil Liberties Union. Personal files includes correspondence concerning her divorce from Atlanta lawyer William Hames and some legal material concerning a coalition of Buckhead residents fighting the construction of a large complex on Peachtree Road near the Hames home. The series also includes material from Cynthia McKinney's campaign for the House of Representatives in 1992-1993.

Arrangement Note

Arranged in alphabetical order by subject.

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1	3	Abortion, conference panel report on barriers to availability of abortions, 1973
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1	5	Abortion, IUD materials
1	6	Abortion, legal briefs dealing with cases involving women who used cocaine during pregnancy
1	7	Abortion, legal research
1	8	Abortion, miscellaneous files, 1970s-1992
1	9	Abortion, miscellaneous information and documents
2	1	Abortion, notes [Box 2 has been reviewed for privacy restrictions]
2	2	Abortion, printed materials with notes [Hames]
2	3	Abortion, Reproductive Bill of Rights Committee, May 9, 1987
2	4	Abortion, research on reproductive rights issues in Georgia legislation
2	5	Abortion and Medicaid, correspondence of Hames in 1971, 1972
2	6	Abortion cases, Doe v. Bolton; Mitchum v. Foster; Roe v. Wade (reprint of appeal); Danforth
2	7	Abortion cases, Doe v. Rampton, State of Florida v. Barquet
2	8	Abortion cases, Fort Wayne Women's Clinic v. Wendell Brane et al (rescue group) injunctions, 1990
2	9	Abortion cases, Meggs v. Midtown Clinic, 1987 [RESTRICTED: Box 97]
2	10	Abortion cases, Nyberg v. City of Virginia (Minnesota)

- 2 11 Abortion cases, research for possible medical malpractice suit, Anne Wright, 1987
- 2 12 Abortion medical studies and statistics, annual prenatal morality report, Grady/ Emory study 1969
- 2 13 Abortion in Savannah
- 2 14 Abortion in Savannah: Medical Clinic legal documents
- 3 1-6 Abortion legislation
- 3 7 Abortion legislation, particularly juvenile consent
- 3 8 Abortion legislation in Georgia, 1991 drafts
- 3 9 Abortion lobbying
- 3 10-11 Abortion reference materials
- 4 1 Affirmative Action
- 4 2 Afro-American Patrolman's League
- 4 3 American Civil Liberties Union
- 4 4 Arbitration: miscellaneous materials on labor arbitration
- 4 5 Association of Immigration and Nationality Lawyers of Georgia: by-laws
- 4 6 Atlanta Bar Association
- 4 7 Atlanta Urban Corps
- 4 8 Atlanta Working Women: press releases, notes
- 4 9 Atlanta 2000: Learning Task Force information, 1975
- 4 10 Attorney's Fees
- 4 11 Autism: miscellaneous printed materials and court cases
- 4 12 Autism: notes and memoranda
- 4 14-17 Bell, Griffin
- 4 18 Busing: printed materials
- 4 19 Capital punishment
- 5 1 Capital punishment
- 5 2 Cases transferred from Hames's office: correspondence and briefs
- 5 3 Child abuse and neglect: research
- 5 4 Church and State
- 5 5 Civil Rights Acts of 1964, Title VII
- 5 6 Civil Rights Acts of 1964, Title VII: Litigation Fund
- 5 7 Civil Rights Act of 1964, title IX
- 5 8 Civil Rights, Educational amendments of 1972
- 5 9 Civil Rights actions, 42 U.S.C. 1983
- 5 10 Civil Rights Advisory Committee, State Bar of Georgia: information regarding committee on which Hames served [ca. 14 Jul 1980]
- 5 11 Class Actions
- 5 12 Coalition of Labor Union Women
- 5 13-14 Commission on the Status of Women

- 5 15 Community and Human Development Department: brochures and publications, 1977-1978
- 5 16 Consolidated Tax Services Corporation: incorporation documents
- 5 17 Consumer Credit Cost Disclosure, Truth in Lending:
- 5 18 Consumer Representation: federal register, 26 Nov 1975
- 5 19 Contempt
- 5 20 Correspondence, 1985
- 5 21 Correspondence, 1986
- 5 22 Correspondence, 1982-
- 5 23 Correspondence, interoffice memos
- 5 24-25 Correspondence, 1980's
- 6 1 Court Procedure, 1972
- 6 2 Death Penalty
- 6 3 Deviant Behavior
- 6 4 Divorce
- 6 5 Documents tendered: miscellaneous notes and correspondence
- 6 6 Drug Fund
- 6 7 Drugs, miscellany
- 6 8 Drug Research
- 6 9 Elections
- 6 10 Employment Discrimination
- 6 11 Employment Discrimination, federal complaint process
- 6 12 Employment Discrimination, federal regulation of employment discrimination
- 6 13 Employment Discrimination, Southern Regional Council
- 6 14-16 Employment, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
- 6 17 Fair Labor Standards Act
- 6 18 First Amendment cases
- 6 19 Foster Care and Adoption, miscellany
- 6 20 Freedom of Information Act
- 6 21 Gay Rights
- 6 23-25 Georgia Abortion Rights Action League
- 7 1 Georgia Association for Children with Learning Disabilities
- 7 2 Georgia Association of Women Lawyers
- 7 3 Georgia Bar Association
- 7 4 Georgia State Bar, civil rights
- 7 5-7 Georgia State Bar, individual rights
- 7 8 Gordon, Helen v. Federal Highway Administration, case 80-119
- 7 9 Gosselin, Kathy, writing samples and resume
- 7 10 Governmental Secrecy
- 7 11 Hames correspondence, 1979-1980

7	12	Hames correspondence
7	13	Hames Enterprises
7	14-21	Hames, personal material
8	1-6	Hames for Supreme Court Justice, promotional material
8	7-8	Injunctions
8	9	International Year of the Child
8	10	Juries
8	11	Justice
8	12	Juvenile Court
8	13	Labor Law Conference
8	14	Landlord/Tenant, law changes
8	15	Law Project, October 12, 1979
8	16	Leadership Atlanta
8	17	League of Women Voters
8	18	Legislation
8	19	Mandamus
9	1-3	McKinney for Congress, campaign material
10	1	Media
10	2	Medicare
10	3	Merit System, state
10	4	"Miscellaneous Bullshit"
10	5	Miscellaneous journal issues
10	6	Miscellaneous newspaper articles
10	7	Miscellaneous reference
10	8	Moot Court Cases
10	9	National Abortion Federation, articles of incorporation, 1977
10	10-19	National Abortion Rights Action League
10	20	National Abortion Federation, newsletters, 1987
10	21	National Abortion Rights Action League, Georgians for Choice, 1987
10	22	National Abortion Rights Action League, foundation memos
11	1-6	Operation Rescue
11	7	National Conference on Women and the Law (11th)
11	8	National Labor Relations Board
11	9	National Women's Party
11	10	North Florida Abortion Rights Action League
11	11	Planned Parenthood Publications
11	12	Police Advisory Board
11	13	Police Community Relations
11	14	Police Review Board, City of Atlanta

11	15	Political Races
11	16	Privacy, miscellaneous
11	17	Privacy Report, American Civil Liberties Union
11	18	Property Rights
11	19	Prostitution
11	20	Publications
11	21	Rape Bill, 1975
11	22	Rape laws
11	23	Rape, miscellaneous
11	24	Rape Task Force
11	25	Recusal
11	26	Rights, Handicapped
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12	1	Rights, Students in school
12	3	School Case, fund-raising
12	4	Search and Seizure
12	5	Secretarial applicants
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12	7	Southern Coalition for Educational Equity
12	8	Southern Coalition Report on Jail and Prison, 1976
12	9	Sovereign Immunity
12	10	The Spartan Woman
12	11	Speaking Engagements, 1980
12	12	Supreme Court
12	13-14	Test Tube babies and artificial insemination
12	15	Test Validation
12	16	United Way
12	17	Wald, Sarah
12	18	Women's Action Alliance
12	19	Women, credit
12	20	Women, education
12	21	Women in the Labor Force
13	1	Women and the Law
13	2	Women and Litigation
13	3	Women in the Media
13	4	Women, miscellaneous
13	5	Women's Rights Miscellaneous
13	6-8	Women's Rights, Equal Rights Amendment
13	9	Women's Rights, Equal Rights Fund: correspondence and funding proposals, 1977; code of regulations of women's Law fund and articles of incorporation

- 13 10 Women's' Rights Project, American Civil Liberties Union
- 13 11 Workmen's Compensation
- 13 12 Vanderbilt University, alumni association materials
- 13 15 Younger Lawyers Section, State Bar of Georgia
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- 13 17 Young Women's Christian Association, finance committee

Series 2
Case files
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Scope and Content Note

The legal case files provide much information on Equal Employment Opportunity Commission cases, abortion clinics, civil rights in Atlanta, and family law. Some of the more interesting and prominent cases include Doe v. Bolton, Drummond v. Fulton County Department of Family and Children's Services, Sinyard v. Foote, Leonard v. City of Columbus, and Comstock v. Eastern Airlines. Many of the smaller and lesser-known cases also have valuable information, particularly those involving employment discrimination. As Hames served as legal counsel for several Equal Rights Amendment abortion clinics, many cases involved defending the clinics against malpractice charges. Case files normally include legal documents, depositions, transcripts, correspondence, notes, and evidence. Several Equal Rights Amendment lawyers received their start in the legal profession by working for Hames and are well represented in the collection, including Alice Bonner; Glenna Stone; Mary Oakley; Barbara Bethune; and Timothy Wolfe. The files are arranged by case file number as organized by Hames's law office. The case number is placed in parentheses at the end of each folder description. The cases are in chronological order with the last name of the client first. In some very brief cases, the first name and date are not known.

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