

**STRICKLAND, ELLYNE E., 1902-1973.**  
**Ellyne E. Strickland papers, 1924-1932**

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**Descriptive Summary**

**Creator:** Strickland, Ellyne E., 1902-1973.  
**Title:** Ellyne E. Strickland papers, 1924-1932  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No.739  
**Extent:** .25 linear feet (1 box) and 2 oversized papers boxes (OP)  
**Abstract:** Papers of Duluth, Georgia, native Ellyne Elizabeth Strickland, who worked for the federal government, including a printed item, framed items, clippings, photograph and memorabilia.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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**Administrative Information**

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**Source**

Gift, 1993.

**Citation**

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**Processing**

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## Collection Description

### Biographical Note

Ellyne Elizabeth Strickland was born on August 16, 1902 in Duluth, Georgia, to Henry Strickland, Jr. (1853-1917), lawyer and businessman, and Alice Harrell Strickland (d. 1947), the first woman mayor in the state of Georgia (Duluth, 1922-1923). The date of her birth is not known, but appears to have been sometime between 1902 and 1904. She was one of seven children.

Strickland graduated from Brenau College in 1919, at the age of sixteen, and went on to receive a law degree from Emory University in 1924, the second woman to graduate from this program. With her law degree in hand, she practiced law with the firm Alston, Alston, Foster and Moise in Atlanta. She then served as secretary to Judge Alexander W. Stephens of the Georgia Court of Appeals.

In circa 1927, Strickland went to Washington, D.C., where she was employed in the office of the general counsel of the Internal Revenue Service. She served there and in New York and retired in 1959. During her time in New York, she was part of the team that successfully prosecuted Al Capone on tax evasion charges. During her lifetime, Strickland also served a member of the State Bar of Georgia, member of the Gwinnett County Hospital Authority, and a member of the Board of Trustees at Brenau College.

Ellyne Strickland died of a heart attack 26 June 1973. She was buried in the church cemetery of Duluth United Methodist Church.

**Biographical Source:** "The Strickland Story: This Old House" by Alice Ziegler; clippings in the collection; *Emory Alumnus*, 1973 September; and her obituary from the *Atlanta Journal*, 27 June 1973.

### Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of the papers of Ellyne E. Strickland. The papers include a printed item; framed items, clippings, photograph, and memorabilia. The printed item, "The Strickland Story: This Old House" by Alice Ziegler, niece of Ellyne E. Strickland, contains biographical information about the Strickland family.

The framed items include Strickland's Bachelor of Laws degree diploma from Emory University (3 June 1924), certificate from the Georgia Court of Appeals granting the right to "plead and practice" (18 November 1925), and a certificate from the Georgia Supreme Court granting the right to "plead and practice" (18 November 1925). The photograph is of Ellyne E. Strickland and not dated.

The two clippings are not dated, but appear to be from the 1920's. One of them discusses Strickland's graduating from Emory's law school as the second woman to do so. The other clipping talks of Strickland's employment with the Internal Revenue Service. The memorabilia item is a cartoon of a man from Duluth writing a note to President Roosevelt saying if he needs help the citizens of Duluth will send Ellyne (21 April 1932).

### Arrangement Note

Arranged by record type.

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## Container List

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Content</b>
1	1	"The Strickland Story: This Old House" by Alice Ziegler
OP1	2	Framed certificate: Georgia Court of Appeals granting the right to "plead and practice," November 18, 1925
OP1	3	Framed certificate: Georgia Supreme Court granting the right to "plead and practice," November 18, 1925
1	2	Clippings, [1920s]
1	3	Memorabilia: Cartoon, April 22, 1932
1	4	Photograph: Ellyne Strickland, undated
OP2		Framed diploma: Emory University: Bachelor of Laws, June 3, 1924

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