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SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DEPARTMENT FRED PARKS LAW LIBRARY SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE OF LAW

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ACCESS

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Research By Appt. Only:

Finding Aids:

Paper Database Other _____ **Web-based:** EAD HTML Database

Comments on Access:

An appointment is needed since the librarian has several other duties/functions in the library.

COLLECTIONS POLICY / MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Special Collections Department is to acquire, to preserve, to provide access, and to promote the use of rare and archival materials related to law. Materials collected include the archival records of the college, rare and valuable law books, and manuscript collections relating to the school or to the legal heritage of Houston, Texas, and the United States.

GENERAL OVERVIEW OF COLLECTIONS

Strengths:

History of South Texas College of Law, Faculty, Alumni; legal history of Houston in the 20th century; Houston Mutiny and Riot Records of 1917 [microfilm collection from the National Archives]; Professor Charles Fairman Papers [discusses with Justice Robert H. Jackson the segregation cases before the U.S. Supreme Court, 1950-1954]; Pennzoil v. Texaco Collection [1984 Houston civil case was largest jury award in U.S. history at the time]; Fred Parks Papers [was a civil attorney in Houston for 50 years, 1945-1995]; Judge Phillip B. Baldwin Papers [Judge, US. Circuit Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit, 1968-1991-ruled on many important intellectual property matters, e.g. made first ruling declaring computer software copyrightable.]

Weaknesses:

Archives in operation since 1991; mainly only recent collections; older collections in other Houston area archives.

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Additional Comments:

I have a good Texas Legal History Bibliography on the Web:

<http://www.stcl.edu/library/TXLegalHistorySourcesGuideOnline.html>. Feel free to contact me for help with research on any American legal history subject, local, regional, or national; if I don't have it, I probably know who does.