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Chicago-Kent College of Law Buildings Collection, 1960-1995

Overview of the Collection

Creator:	IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law
Title:	Chicago-Kent College of Law Buildings Collection
Inclusive Dates:	1960-1995
Identification:	AC.024
Accessions:	2013.04, 2014.06
Extent:	.42 linear feet (1 document box)
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History

Chicago-Kent College of Law has been located in the city of Chicago since its founding in 1888. The first location of the school was the Grand Pacific Hotel, located on Clark Street and Jackson Boulevard, in downtown Chicago. Classes for what was then known as the “Chicago Evening School of Law” began in January of 1888 and were held on the second floor in the Appellate Court rooms. In 1889, having outgrown the Grand Pacific Hotel, the Appellate Court was moved to the fourth floor of the Grand Opera House at 119-21 N. Clark Street. The law school underwent two name changes that year: first to “Chicago College of Law,” and then again to include “Law Department of Lake Forest University” upon its incorporation into Lake Forest. Classes were held at the new Appellate Court quarters at the Grand Opera House until 1890, when the school moved to the Athenaeum Building in the Loop, on Van Buren between Michigan and Wabash. The Athenaeum Building was the home of the law school from 1890-1912. During this time, the Chicago College of Law ceased its affiliation with Lake Forest University. In 1900, the Chicago College of Law and the Kent College of Law merged to form Chicago-Kent College of Law, and the Kent College, formerly located at 59 Clark Street, moved into the Athenaeum Building. In 1912, the Chicago-Kent College of Law moved into the Municipal Courts Building (also known as the Lake View Building) at 116 S. Michigan Avenue, where it remained until 1924. The next residence of the Law School was at 10-12 North Franklin Street from 1924-1976. In 1969, the Law School merged with Illinois Institute of Technology to form the IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law and become a campus of IIT, which was located at 3300 South Federal Street in Chicago. The school moved to 77 South Wacker Drive in 1976. In 1992, construction was completed on the new location, the Downtown Campus Building at 565 W. Adams Street.

Scope and Contents

Approximately .42 linear feet of information regarding the move to the Downtown Campus building are the bulk of paper material in the collection. The collection includes information on



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events related to new buildings, including the dedication of the building at 77 South Wacker and the groundbreaking of the Downtown Campus Building.

Restrictions

Artifact boxes are heavy and should be removed from shelf with care.

Separations

Approximately .42 linear feet of photographs, slides, and negatives were removed and placed into the Archival Photographic Collection, which includes photos of earlier buildings not represented in the collection. Video footage of construction in progress and groundbreaking ceremony for Downtown Campus building was removed and placed in media storage. Construction hard hat from Downtown Campus groundbreaking ceremony, scale model of the Downtown Campus building, and metal building signage removed from 77 Wacker building were placed into artifact storage.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged into 3 series:

- I. 10-12 N. Franklin Street
- II. 77 Wacker Drive
- III. Downtown Campus Building

Each series is arranged chronologically where possible.

Container List

Box Folder

Series I. 10-12 N. Franklin Street, undated, .01 linear feet

1	1	Building Improvements booklet – Chicago-Kent College of Law	c. 1960
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Series II. 77 Wacker Drive, 1978-1983, .01 linear feet

1	2	Brochure and floor plans for building at 77 Wacker Drive	n.d.
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1	3	Building Dedication Program 1 copy	1978
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Series III. Downtown Campus Building, 1981-1995, 0.42 linear feet

1	4	Downtown Center development plan & proposal, Cadillac Fairview Midwest	1981
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1	5	Downtown Center development plan & proposal, Harvey M. Walken & Company	1981
1	6	Legal Documents – Sale of 77 Wacker Drive Copy 1	1988-1989
1	7	Legal Documents – Sale of 77 Wacker Drive Copy 2	1988-1989
1	8	Legal Documents – Purchase of Land Copy 1 Copy 2	1988-1989
1	9	Legal Documents – Holabird & Root Proposal Copy 1 Copy 2	1989
1	10	Legal Documents – Analysis of Trans-Union Lease Proposal Copy 1 Copy 2	1989
1	11	Building planning – Meeting notes	1989
1	12	Building planning Guidelines & specifications Peat Marwick reports McClier reports Tenant space	1989
1	13	Building planning Powell – Kleinschmidt Holabird & Root Miscellaneous	1989
1	14	Construction Kick-Off Celebration Program	1990
1	15	Building maps/floor plans	1990
1	16	Welcome document/handbook	1992
1	17	Signage project documents	1991-1995
1	18	Holabird & Root brochure	n.d.
1	19	Press release (partial)	n.d.