



Guide to the Ronald D. Glotta Papers LP000867

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Summary Information

Repository:	Walter P. Reuther Library
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Abstract:	<p>Ron Glotta is a Detroit lawyer, who specializes in working with workers compensation and social security law. In addition to his active practice of law, Glotta was a member of the Motor City Labor League, a group that supported the League of Revolutionary Black Workers and Dodge Revolutionary Union Movement, and other organizing efforts. He is also a long-time member and Board Member of the National Lawyers Guild, Michigan Chapter. The Ronald D. Glotta Papers comprise primarily materials related to his legal career. The collection contains material related to his legal cases on the topics of workers compensation, tenant rights, and prison conditions. The primary cases consist James Johnson Jr. v. Chrysler Corporation, the Ann Arbor Rent Strike, and Wayne County Jail, though there are others. Outside of legal case files materials include correspondence, documents pertaining to the legal firm Glotta, Adelman, and Dinges, a few speeches given by Glotta, material related to Glotta's work with the National Lawyer's Guild - Detroit Chapter, and subject files on topics ranging from 1972 elections to the Law Student Civil Research Council (LSCRRC). The Glotta papers also include a book he wrote in 2007, <i>The Road to Hell is Not Paved with Good Intentions</i> and its corresponding 18 volume commentary.</p>

Citation Style

"Ronald D. Glotta Papers, Box [#], Folder [#], Walter P. Reuther Library, Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs, Wayne State University"

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Biography

Ronald Glotta was born in Colorado in 1941 and grew up in Kansas. He obtained a bachelor's degree from the University of Kansas before attending the University of Michigan Law School. After graduating law school and gaining admittance to the bar in 1966, Glotta accepted a position working at a law firm in Muskegon that specialized in workers compensation cases.

Since 1968, Glotta has lived in Highland Park and practiced law in Detroit, particularly in the areas of workers compensation and social security law.

In addition to his active practice of law, Glotta was a member of the Motor City Labor League, a group that supported the League of Revolutionary Black Workers, Dodge Revolutionary Union Movement, and other organizing efforts. He is also a long-time member and Board Member of the National Lawyers Guild, Michigan Chapter.

In 2007, he wrote a book entitled *The Road to Hell is Not Paved with Good Intentions* about oppressive societal structures in the United States.

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Scope and Content

The Ronald D. Glotta Papers comprise primarily materials related to his legal career. Series 1 contains material related to his legal cases on the topics of workers compensation, tenant rights, and prison conditions. The primary cases consist of James Johnson Jr. v. Chrysler Corporation, the Ann Arbor Rent Strike, and Wayne County Jail, though there are others. Additional materials falling outside the scope of case files are found in the second series. In series 2, correspondence, documents pertaining to the legal firm Glotta, Adelman, and Dinges, a few speeches given by Glotta, material related to Glotta's work with the National Lawyer's Guild - Detroit Chapter, and subject files on topics ranging from 1972 elections to the Law Student Civil Research Council (LSCRRC). Additionally, found in this series is the book Glotta wrote in 2007, *The Road to Hell is Not Paved with Good Intentions* and its corresponding 18 volume commentary.

Series 1: Case files Series 2: Correspondence, subject files, and organizational involvement

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged into 2 series.

Folders in Series 1 - Case Files, are simply listed by their location within each box. The files in this series are not fully arranged, so any given subject may be dispersed throughout several boxes within this series. Folders in series 2 - Correspondence, subject files, and organizational involvement, are arranged alphabetically.

Series 1: Series 1: Case Files (Box 1-12; 15) Series 2: Series 2: Correspondence, subject files, and organizational involvement (Box 13-14; 15)

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Publication Statement

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Acquisition

Donated to the Walter P. Reuther Library by Ron Glotta between 1978 and 2018.

Processing History

Processed and finding aid written by Shae Rafferty on October 10, 2018.

Access

Collection is open for research, except Box 11 - Folder 3 which is restricted.

Use

Refer to the Walter P. Reuther Library "Rules for Use of Archival Materials." Restrictions: Researchers may encounter records of a sensitive nature – personnel files, case records and those involving investigations, legal and other private matters. Privacy laws and restrictions imposed by the

Library prohibit the use of names and other personal information which might identify an individual, except with written permission from the Director and/or the donor.

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Related Materials

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Detroit Revolutionary Movements Records (LR000874)

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Controlled Access Headings

- Labor lawyers
- Landlord & tenant relations
- Workers' compensation
- Chrysler Corporation
- National Lawyers Guild

Collection Inventory

Series I: Case files

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Ann Arbor rent strike, September-October 1968	Box 1	Folder 2
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Ann Arbor rent strike, May 1969	Box 1	Folder 7
Ann Arbor rent strike, October 1969-March 1970	Box 1	Folder 8
Ann Arbor rent strike, undated		

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Inj case, notes from inj case, publicity, Gateway Coal material

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James Johnson Jr v Chrysler Corporation: Supreme court application, publicity, etc., 1975-1979	Box 4	Folder 1

James Johnson Jr v Chrysler Corporation, 1971-1980	Box 4	Folder 2
James Johnson Jr v Chrysler Corporation: Letter from Dr. Schmitz, Frederick Wiseman, news articles, 1971-1976	Box 4	Folder 3
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James Johnson Jr v Chrysler Corporation: Brief, 1976	Box 4	Folder 16
James Johnson Jr v Chrysler Corporation: Brief of Defendant-Appellant, 1978	Box 5	Folder 1
James Johnson Jr v Chrysler Corporation: Conley's opinion, D's and TT's briefs on appeal, 1974-1975	Box 5	Folder 2
James Johnson Jr v Chrysler Corporation: Notice of hearing and leave to appeal, 1980	Box 5	Folder 3
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Wayne County Jail, 1984-1989	Box 9	Folder 1-4
Scope and Contents		
Puchasing and budget; bunkmate mismatches; court documents; jail regulations		
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Scope and Contents		
Medical director; Wayne County Jail Inmates v Wayne County Board of Supervisors; Jail Monitor's Report appendix (3 Books); Appeal brief and appendix in support		

of defendant (3 books); compliance and court monitoring;
motion for disqualification

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