The papers of Sol Dann were placed in the Archives of Labor History and Urban Affairs in July of 1970 by Mr. Dann and were opened for research in January of 1973.

Sol Dann was born in Detroit on May 14, 1903. After graduation from the Detroit College of Law he practiced law in Detroit from 1924 until his retirement in 1970.

Mr. Dann maintained a life-long interest in civil rights, freedom movements, and the protection of the rights of stockholders. He was active on behalf of Israel and the rights of the Jews to a Palestinian homeland. He served as one of the attorneys appealing Jack Ruby's conviction for the murder of Lee Harvey Oswald. Mr. Dann's interest in the rights of stockholders led him to initiate several proxy fights and lawsuits against both Studebaker-Packard Corporation and Chrysler Corporation. The bulk of the collection reflects Dann's stockholder activities, principally the Chrysler litigations.

Important subjects covered in the collection are:

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- Melvin Belli
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