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**Wayne State University Law School  
Dean's Office, Charles Joiner Records**

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1962-1968, bulk 1966

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**Abstract**

Charles Joiner was appointed Dean Designate of the Wayne State University Law School beginning on December 1, 1967, dividing his time between this position at WSU and his position as Associate Dean at the University of Michigan Law School. He assumed his duties full-time as the Dean of the WSU Law School on June 1, 1968, formally relieving the former Dean, Arthur Neef, of his duties.

Arthur Neef was a practicing attorney until he joined the Detroit City Law School in 1927 as an administrative secretary and instructor before the school became part of WSU. He was named Assistant Dean of the WSU Law School in 1935, Dean in 1937, and Provost in 1945. The title of Vice President was added in 1953. Neef retired as Dean in 1967, but continued as a Professor of Law at Wayne State University.

The Law School – Dean’s Office, Charles Joiner Records include general correspondence and student and alumni lists from the WSU Law School during the mid-1960s. The majority of the records detail the planning, correspondence, and events of the dedication of the new law school building at WSU, which took place on October 21 and 22, 1966 during Arther Neef’s term as Dean of the WSU Law School.

**Important Subjects:**

Law School Dedication

**Important Names:**

Joiner, Charles

Neef, Arthur

Warren, Earl, Chief Justice of the United States

**Arrangement**

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