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Summary Information

Repository:	M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections & Archives
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Abstract:	This collection documents the day-to-day activities of the Center for Law and Justice in Albany, New York, founded by its Executive Director Dr. Alice P. Green in 1985.

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Historical Note

Administrative: Center for Law and Justice, Inc.

[The information in the Administrative History for both the Center and Dr. Green was taken from the Center for Law and Justice website: <http://www.timesunion.com/communities/cflg/> (accessed 2000)].

In the summer of 1984, Jessie Davis, a young Black man was shot and killed by police in his Arbor Hill apartment. His killing served to galvanize the African-American community in Albany to seek change in the way the Police Department treated community residents. One outgrowth of the community's outrage over the killing was the birth of The Center for Law and Justice in 1985. The Center helped to keep the case before the public, gave moral support to the Davis family, assisted attorneys with a federal lawsuit

against the city, and organized community demonstrations and fundraising events to cover legal expenses related to the family's suit. The Center's overall mission has been to promote the empowerment of people to change what they believed was the oppressive nature of the total criminal justice system, although the organization has continued to focus much of its work on policing issues.

The Center, located in downtown Albany, New York, has primary target areas of service in Albany, Schenectady and Rensselaer counties. However, it responds to requests for information and assistance from people across the state and country. Early on, the Center subsisted primarily on private donations and small local foundation grants. For the past five years, the United Way has been an important funding source. In addition, the Albany Housing Authority contracts with the Center to provide crime and drug prevention services to its residents. Volunteers and student interns from the regional colleges and universities also make a valuable contribution in needed services to the agency.

The Center is considered one of the strongest advocacy groups in New York State for people adversely affected by the criminal justice system. The media, academia and the community have become dependent on the expertise of the Center in matters related to the criminal justice system. One of the major contributions of the Center is a published report that analyzes the relationship between the Albany Police Department and the residents of the Albany community. In addition, the Center has studied and responded to almost every major issue relating to criminal justice including racial profiling, community and police relations, citizen police review board, death penalty issues, parole changes, families of prisoners, and sentencing. The Center also coordinates special events for Martin Luther King Day to raise the consciousness of people about the treatment of individuals affected by the criminal justice system.

The Center for Law and Justice, Inc. was first called the Albany Justice Center, Inc. The name was officially changed with the New York Department of State in the summer of 1990. [See the organization's constitution and other documentation in Series 1, Box 2, Folder 6. (United Way grant)]. The Center's activities range from client intake, advocacy and referral to community conferences on crime and prison legislation. The Center also publishes three newsletters: *The Advocate*, a quarterly community criminal justice journal; *On Your Own*, a directory of community services for women; and *Free Legal Services, Information and Assistance*, a directory of resources in the Capital District.

The agency is made up of an executive director, currently Alice Green, and staff. In addition, the Center has a Board of Directors that includes four officers (president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer) and a group of directors. There is also a Legal Advisory Committee and finally general membership made up of community leaders, advocates, donors, area residents, and prison inmates.

The Center for Law and Justice, Inc. is a not-for-profit, community-based organization founded in 1985 to address criminal and juvenile justice issues and problems that significantly impact on poor communities, communities of color, and other powerless groups and individuals. Supported by private donations, grants, membership dues, volunteers and student interns, the Center seeks to involve a diverse community population in carrying out its mission. Located in Albany, NY, the Center addresses criminal and social justice issues primarily in the Capital District Area. The mission of the Center is to promote the empowerment of individuals and communities in order to change social policy and bring about fair and just juvenile and criminal justice systems. The Center's three major goals are to:

1. Serve as a clearinghouse for legal, juvenile and criminal justice information, education and referral.
2. Provide individual and group-based advocacy that promotes social justice.

3. Support the social, economic and political empowerment of individuals, groups and communities. [Taken directly from the organization's information pamphlet. See Series 1, Box 1, Folder 14. (PREP Proposal)].

Biographical: Dr. Alice P. Green

Dr. Green is the Executive Director of The Center for Law and Justice, a not-for-profit community organization that monitors criminal justice activities, provides legal assistance and criminal justice advocacy' organizes efforts to change social policy and empowers poor people and people of color. Before she founded the Center, she was Legislative Director for the New York Civil Liberties Union. In 1985, Governor Cuomo appointed her to membership on the Citizens Policy and Complaint Review Council of the New York State Commission on Corrections. A year later, he appointed her to the position of Deputy Commissioner for the New York State Division of Probation and Correctional Alternatives, where she was in charge of strategic planning, policy, and information.

Dr. Green is an adjunct professor at the University at Albany. She has worked as a secondary teacher and as a social worker. For many years she served as the Executive Director of Trinity Institution, a youth and family service center in Albany's South End. While serving as Director, she founded the *South End Scene*, one of the longest published Black newspapers in Albany.

Dr. Green writes and lectures on racism and criminal justice issues. She is co-author of a book recently published by Greenwood Press. It is entitled, *Law Never Here: A Social History of African American Responses to Issues of Crime and Justice*. Her education includes a doctorate in criminal justice and master's degrees in education, social welfare and criminal justice.

An active participant in her community on policing, court and corrections issues, Dr. Green singles out her membership on the advisory board of the Fund for Modern Courts and the New York State Defenders Association, and her work as a prison volunteer. For her work in the community, Dr. Green has received numerous awards that include:

- The distinguished Alumna Award from the Rockefeller College, University at Albany
- Service Award from the Albany Chapter NAACP
- Woman of the Year Award from the YWCA
- Founder's Award and Community Service Award from the Scene newspaper
- The Community Service Award from the Albany Social Justice Center
- Tile Service Award from the Israel AME Church in Albany
- Shaker and Mover Award from the National Organization for Women
- Black Solidarity Award from Prisoners of Auburn
- Distinguished Service Award from the Prisoners of Green Haven

- New York State Bar Association Public Service Medal
- 1994 Victor A. Lord Courage of Convictions Award
- Certificate of Recognition from The Lifers' Committee, Shawangunk Correctional Facility
- Community Service Award - Walls Temple AME Zion Church - 1998

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Scope and Contents

The collection is extensive and includes documents such as grant proposals, newspaper clippings, membership information, financial statements, correspondence, photographs, legal documents about the Jesse Davis case and the ensuing lawsuit, and conference information. The collection also includes information on various prisoner cases that the Center worked on and letters from prisoners throughout the state. The processed portion of the collection begins with the founding of the Center in 1985 and spans through 2000.

Series 1 of the collection contains grant proposals from 1990 to 1997 that the agency applied for and either received, renewed or was denied. Federal, state, local, and private grants provided a large portion of the Center's financial security. Though grants were not always stable or guaranteed, the Center for Law and Justice had several that were long-term, supplemented by short-term funding. Based on the information in this series, the United Way is a substantial resource for the Center. The New York Bar Association also provided funding a directory entitled *Free Legal Information and Services in the Capital District*.

Two other projects, Project Prep and Project Embrace were important parts of the Center's work. Project PREP (1994-95) was a crime prevention program for poor young people who often did not readily receive the nurturing or information they needed to develop into responsible, law-abiding and contributing citizens. The program consisted of a curriculum that included cultural education, positive survival skills, and nonviolent empowerment programs. [See "Center for Law and Justice Programs", Series 1, Box 1, Folder 14]. The primary goal of Project Embrace: An Outreach Model to Prevent Violence (1990-97) was to broaden community understanding about the nature and source of violent behavior. It also promoted the perspective that much of the violence addressed by the criminal justice system should be recognized as a public health issue. [See the Executive Summary of the Project Embrace submitted proposal in Series 1, Box 2, Folder 1].

Grants were solicited from government agencies and private corporations including the Albany City School District, Albany Housing Authority, Center for Economic Growth, Chase Manhattan Bank, Chemical Bank, Combined Federal Campaign, Department of Transportation, Metropolitan Life Insurance, Mohawk-Hudson Community Foundation, NAACP, New York Bar Association, State

Employees Federated Appeal, TJMaxx, United Way, and WMHT Telecommunications. Some of the projects included, Holding Our Own, Mechanic Assistance Program (MAP), Prevention and Empowerment Project (PREP), Project Embrace, Project Vote, and the Safe Schools Grant.

Series 2 contains membership information spanning from 1992 to 1997. The series is restricted because it contains personal information about prison inmates, who made up the bulk of the Center's membership. Some letters concerned their individual cases. The series also includes form letters from the Center soliciting membership and blank membership forms. Many of the membership forms include copies of checks paid to the Center for yearly dues. Many of the forms came with notes and letters to Alice Green expressing thanks and appreciation for all of the work the Center has done.

Series 3 encompasses the various tasks and planning activities that surround the Capital District Community Conference on Crime and Criminal Justice. The series includes detailed information for the first four conferences, 1991-1994, and the programs for the fifth and sixth conferences. A survey for the 1995 conference may be found in Series 4 (Subject Files) under miscellaneous.

The Center for Law and Justice, Inc. began sponsoring annual conferences on May 18, 1991. The goal of the conferences was to bring together law enforcement officials, human rights advocates, and community members to address a wide range of controversial issues concerning bias in the criminal justice system and its impact on people of color, women, children and other groups. The conferences were one-day events, with keynote speakers, educational workshops, and strategy sessions. [In press release issued by The Center prior to the Conference. See Series 3, Box 1, Folder 2].

Series 4 contains subject files spanning from 1982 to 1984 and 1990 to 1993. Series 4 is primarily made up of official correspondence, both incoming and outgoing. The correspondence ranges from thank you letters to invitations for special events and also includes personal letters to/from local agencies, universities, leaders and activists. There are a few letters from inmates in these files, however that kind of correspondence is almost entirely found in Series 5. The correspondence in the series is from 1990 to 1993. Other subject files include information on Albany Law School, CAARV (Community Action Against Racism and Violence), the Community Police Board, Dr. Green's doctoral dissertation, financial statements, insurance information, syllabi for a course entitled Law and the Black Community (a course Dr. Green was teaching).

Series 5 is probably the most interesting and poignant piece of the collection. Prisoner Intakes and Letters, 1988-2004 consists of prisoner intake files that primarily contain letters from the prisoners to Alice Green or to her staff. You can also find letters responding to the prisoners' inquiries and/or needs from Alice Green and her staff. The correspondence ranges from letters of introduction, explaining why they were incarcerated in the first place and what services or information they seek from the Center to Christmas cards, religious tracts, and poetry. In some instances the correspondence encompasses several years with the same individual, which allows one to follow an individual from incarceration to release or from one correctional facility to another. The Center also received letters from incarcerated individuals from across several different states seeking advice and information. Some of the letters come from family members advocating on behalf of a loved one in prison. Most of those letters are from mothers and wives. The correspondence contains very personal information on the inmates and sometimes on the people they victimized or allegedly victimized, which is why the series is restricted.

Series 6 contains a collection of newspaper clippings that The Center for Law and Justice maintained about issues and events that affected the criminal justice system, especially as it pertained to race and

the African American community. There are also clippings on the African American community as a whole, both locally and nationally. The articles span from 1985 to 1995, though articles from pre-85 and post-95 may be found randomly throughout the subject areas. The subject areas include Affirmative Action, African American Families, African American Females, African American Males, African Americans, African Americans in Albany, African Americans in the Media, AIDS, Albany, Alternatives to Incarceration, Center for Law and Justice, Civilian Control of Police, Civil Liberties, Civil Rights, Community Policing, Courts, Crime, Crime Economics, Criminal Justice, Criminal Justice System and Race, Crime Prevention, Death Penalty, Death Row, Drugs, Education, Female Prisoners, Forfeiture Bill, Fourth Amendment, Grand Jury, Juries, Insanity Defense, Misconduct, NYS Legislature, Police Brutality, Poverty, Pre-Trial Release, Prisoners, Prisons, Public Defense, Race and Media, Race and Racism, Schenectady, Tenants' Rights, Troy, Use of Force, Violence, and Youth.

Series 7 is a small collection of photographs of special events held and sponsored by The Center for Law and Justice. There are some notable people from the Capital District that are featured as speakers or that are being honored.

Series 8 is made of the administrative files of the Center. This includes annual reports, legal documents, certificate of incorporation, tax forms, financial statements and board meeting minutes. The documents are incomplete and there are several gaps in time for some of the files.

Series 9 consists of a small number of Center publications including *The Advocate*. The collection of *The Advocate* is incomplete. There is also a folder of "publications by others" relevant to the work done by the Center. *The Advocate* is a quarterly community criminal justice journal. First published in 1992, *The Advocate* serves to inform and educate the community about the criminal justice system and how it operates. Regular features include the demographics of the state prison population, significant local and national criminal justice news briefs, summaries of important legislation and court decisions, writings by prisoners, book and film reviews, and guest editorials.

[The Center for Law and Justice Annual Report, 1998-99, p. 12].

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Arrangement of the Collection

The collection is organized as follows:

- 1 Series 1: Grant Proposals, 1990-1997
- 2 Series 2: Membership, 1992-1997
- 3 Series 3: Capital District Community Conference on Crime and Criminal Justice, 1991-1994
- 4 Series 4: Subject Files, 1982-1984, 1990-1993
- 5 Series 5: Prisoner Intakes and Letters, 1988-1998
- 6 Series 6: Newspaper Clippings, 1985-1995
- 7 Series 7: Photographs, 1991-1995
- 8 Series 8: Administrative Files, 1985-1998

9 Series 9: Publications, 1991-2000

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Access

Access to this record group is unrestricted, except for Series 2 and Series 5, which have restrictions.

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Controlled Access Headings

- African Americans and Civil Rights Organizations
- Ethnic Groups
- Criminal Justice and Prisons
- Albany, New York
- Prisoners--Correspondence
- Prisoners--Legal status, laws, etc.
- Criminal justice, Administration of
- Social action.
- Correspondence
- Clippings
- Photographs
- Scrapbooks
- Green, Alice P., 1946-
- Center for Law and Justice (Albany, N.Y.)

Collection Inventory

Grant Proposals, 1990-1997

Physical Description: 0.66 cubic ft. (2 boxes)

Scope and Contents

The Center for Law and Justice is dependent on various forms of funding including charitable donations and membership dues. Federal, state, local, and private grants provide a larger portion of the Center's funding. Though grants are not always secure or guaranteed, the Center for Law and Justice has several that have been long-term, supplemented by short-term funding. Based on the information in this series, the United Way is a substantial resource to the Center. The New York Bar Association has also provided funding to publish a directory entitled *Free Legal Information and Services in the Capital District*. Two other projects, Project Prep and Project Embrace were important parts of the Center's work. Project PREP (1994-95) was a crime prevention program for poor young people who did not receive the nurturing or information they need to develop into responsible, law-abiding, citizens. The program consisted of a curriculum that included cultural education, positive survival skills, and nonviolent empowerment programs. The primary goal of Project Embrace: An Outreach Model to Prevent Violence (1990-97), was to broaden community understanding of the nature and source of violent behavior and to promote the perspective that much of the violence addressed by the criminal justice system should also be recognized as a public health issue.

This series is a collection of grant proposals submitted by the Center. Though the Center did not win all of the grants it applied for, this information provides insight into the kinds of projects that the Center does and/or hopes to do. It provides a window into the scope of activities and services required to achieve the goals of the Center. Grants were solicited from government agencies and private corporations, including the Albany City School District, Albany Housing Authority, Center for Economic Growth, Chase Manhattan Bank, Chemical Bank, Combined Federal Campaign, Department of Transportation, Metropolitan Life Insurance, Mohawk-Hudson Community Foundation, NAACP, New York Bar Association, State Employees Federated Appeal, TJMaxx, United Way, and WMHT

Telecommunications. Some of the projects included, Holding Our Own, Mechanic Assistance Program (MAP), Prevention and Empowerment Project (PREP), Project Embrace, Project Vote, and the Safe Schools Grant.

Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically by grant title or agency.

Title/Description	Instances	
Albany City School District, 1995	Box 1 (1-Grant Proposals)	Folder 1
Albany Housing Authority, 1996	Box 1 (1-Grant Proposals)	Folder 2
Center for Economic Growth, 1996	Box 1 (1-Grant Proposals)	Folder 3
Chase Manhattan Bank, Racial Harmony and Diversity Program, 1996	Box 1 (1-Grant Proposals)	Folder 4
Chemical Bank, Racial Harmony and Diversity Program, 1994	Box 1 (1-Grant Proposals)	Folder 5
Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), 1994-1995	Box 1 (1-Grant Proposals)	Folder 6
General Grant Information, 1990-1996	Box 1 (1-Grant Proposals)	Folder 7
Holding Our Own, Inc.: A Fund for Women, 1992-1993	Box 1 (1-Grant Proposals)	Folder 8
Mechanic Assistance Program (MAP), Department of Transportation, 1994-1995	Box 1 (1-Grant Proposals)	Folder 9
Metropolitan Life Foundation, 1996	Box 1 (1-Grant Proposals)	Folder 10
Mohawk-Hudson Community Foundation, 1990	Box 1 (1-Grant Proposals)	Folder 11
NAACP, 1990	Box 1 (1-Grant Proposals)	Folder 12
New York Bar Association, 1996		

	Box 1 (1-Grant Proposals)	Folder 13
Prevention and Empowerment Project (PREP), 1994-1995	Box 1 (1-Grant Proposals)	Folder 14
Project Embrace, 1990-1997	Box 2 (1-Grant Proposals)	Folder 1
Project Vote, 1996	Box 2 (1-Grant Proposals)	Folder 2
Public Housing Drug Elimination Program (PDHCP), 1998	Box 2 (1-Grant Proposals)	Folder 3
Safe Schools Grant, 1996	Box 2 (1-Grant Proposals)	Folder 4
State Employees Federated Appeal, 1993	Box 2 (1-Grant Proposals)	Folder 5
TJ Maxx, 1994	Box 2 (1-Grant Proposals)	Folder 6
United Way Grant, 1994-1997	Box 2 (1-Grant Proposals)	Folder 7
United Way, 1994-1997	Box 2 (1-Grant Proposals)	Folder 8
Scope and Contents Donations, newsletters, draft proposals.		
United Way, General Correspondence, 1994-1997	Box 2 (1-Grant Proposals)	Folder 9
WMHT Educational Telecommunications, 1996	Box 2 (1-Grant Proposals)	Folder 10

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Membership, 1992-1997

Physical Description: 1 cubic foot (3 boxes)

Scope and Contents

This series includes form letters from the Center soliciting membership and membership forms. Many of the membership forms include copies of checks paid to the Center for yearly dues. Many of the forms came with notes and letters to Alice Green expressing thanks and appreciation for all of the work the Center is doing. The majority of membership forms are from prison inmates in New York State.

Arrangement

Arranged chronologically.

Conditions Governing Access:

Conditions Governing Access

Restricted.

Title/Description	Instances	
Membership Applications and Letters, 1992 <u>Conditions Governing Access:</u> Conditions Governing Access Must consult archivist before viewing this material.	Box 1 (2-Membership)	Folder 1
Membership Applications and Letters, 1993 <u>Conditions Governing Access:</u> Conditions Governing Access Must consult archivist before viewing this material.	Box 1 (2-Membership)	Folder 2
Membership Applications and Letters, 1994 <u>Conditions Governing Access:</u> Conditions Governing Access Must consult archivist before viewing this material.	Box 1 (2-Membership)	Folder 3
Membership Applications and Letters, 1995 <u>Conditions Governing Access:</u> Conditions Governing Access Must consult archivist before viewing this material.	Box 1 (2-Membership)	Folder 4
Membership Applications and Letters, A-F, 1996 <u>Conditions Governing Access:</u> Conditions Governing Access Must consult archivist before viewing this material.	Box 2 (2-Membership)	Folder 1
Membership Applications and Letters, G-M, 1996 <u>Conditions Governing Access:</u>	Box 2 (2-Membership)	Folder 2

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Membership Applications and Letters, N-S, 1996

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Membership Applications and Letters, T-Z, 1996

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Membership Applications and Letters, A-H, 1997

Box 3 (2-
Membership)

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Membership Applications and Letters, J-M, 1997

Box 3 (2-
Membership)

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Membership Applications and Letters, P-W, 1997

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Capital District Community Conference on Crime and Criminal Justice, 1991-1994

Physical Description: 1.33 cubic ft. (4 boxes)

Scope and Contents

The Center for Law and Justice, Inc. began sponsoring an annual conference entitled Capital District Community Conference on Crime and Criminal Justice on May 18, 1991. The goal of the conference was to bring together law enforcement officials, human rights advocates, and community members to address a wide range of controversial issues concerning bias in the criminal justice system and its impact on people of color, women, children and the poor. The conferences were one-day events, with keynote speakers, educational workshops, and strategy sessions.

Themes:

1991 - Education, Mobilization and Change (May 18, 1991)

1992 - Separate and Unequal: Racial Bias in Policing and the Courts (April 11, 1992)

1993 - Effects of Prisons on Communities: Issues and Alternatives (April 24, 1993)

1994 - Youth and the Law: Problems and Solutions (April 16, 1994)

1995 - The Death Penalty: A Matter of Race (April 1, 1995)

1996 - Criminal Injustice (April 20, 1996).

Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically within each year.

Title/Description	Instances	
First Annual, 1991	Box 1 (3-Capital District Community Conference on Crime and)	Folder 1
First Annual, 1991	Box 1 (3-Capital District Community Conference on Crime and)	Folder 2
First Annual, 1991	Box 1 (3-Capital District Community Conference on Crime and)	Folder 3
First Annual, 1991	Box 1 (3-Capital District Community Conference on Crime and)	Folder 4
First Annual, 1991	Box 1 (3-Capital District Community Conference	Folder 5

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First Annual, 1991	Box 1 (3- Capital District Community Conference on Crime and)	Folder 6
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First Annual, 1991	Box 1 (3- Capital District Community Conference on Crime and)	Folder 8
First Annual, 1991	Box 1 (3- Capital District Community Conference on Crime and)	Folder 9
First Annual, 1991	Box 1 (3- Capital District Community Conference on Crime and)	Folder 10
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Second Annual, 1992	Box 2 (3- Capital District Community Conference on Crime and)	Folder 10
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Second Annual, 1992	Box 3 (3- Capital District Community Conference on Crime and)	Folder 4
Third Annual, 1993	Box 3 (3- Capital District Community Conference on Crime and)	Folder 5
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Third Annual, 1993	Box 3 (3- Capital District Community Conference on Crime and)	Folder 13
Third Annual, 1993	Box 3 (3- Capital District Community Conference on Crime and)	Folder 14
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Third Annual, 1993	Box 3 (3- Capital District Community Conference on Crime and)	Folder 16
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Third Annual, 1993	Box 3 (3- Capital District Community Conference on Crime and)	Folder 18
Fourth Annual, 1994	Box 4 (3- Capital District Community Conference on Crime and)	Folder 1
Fourth Annual, 1994	Box 4 (3- Capital District Community Conference on Crime and)	Folder 2
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Fifth Annual, 1995	Box 4 (3- Capital District Community Conference on Crime and)	Folder 15
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Subject Files, 1982-1984, 1990-1993

Physical Description: 1.9 cubic ft. (6 boxes)

Scope and Contents

Series 4 consists of official correspondence, both incoming and outgoing. The correspondence ranges from thank you letters and invitations for special events to personal letters to/from local agencies, universities, leaders and activists. There are a few letters from inmates in these files, however that kind of correspondence is almost entirely found in Series 5. The correspondence in the series is from 1990-1993. Other subject files include information on Albany Law School, CAARV (Community Action Against Racism and Violence), the Community Police Board, Dr. Green's doctoral dissertation, and a syllabus for a course entitled Law and the Black Community (a course Dr. Green was teaching).

Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically.

Title/Description	Instances	
Albany Law School, 1991	Box 1 (4- Subject Files)	Folder 1
CAARV, Community Action against Racism and Violence, 1992	Box 1 (4- Subject Files)	Folder 2-3
Client Lists, Undated		

	Box 1 (4- Subject Files)	Folder 4
Community Police Board, 1983-1984	Box 1 (4- Subject Files)	Folder 5
Correspondence -- Incoming, 1990	Box 1 (4- Subject Files)	Folder 6
Correspondence -- Outgoing, 1990	Box 1 (4- Subject Files)	Folder 7
Correspondence -- Incoming, 1991	Box 2 (4- Subject Files)	Folder 1
Correspondence -- Outgoing, 1991	Box 2 (4- Subject Files)	Folder 2
Correspondence -- Incoming, 1992	Box 2 (4- Subject Files)	Folder 3
Correspondence -- Outgoing, 1992 January-May	Box 2 (4- Subject Files)	Folder 4
Correspondence -- Outgoing, 1992 June-December	Box 2 (4- Subject Files)	Folder 5
Correspondence -- Incoming, 1993 January-June	Box 3 (4- Subject Files)	Folder 1
Correspondence -- Incoming, 1993 July-December	Box 3 (4- Subject Files)	Folder 2
Correspondence -- Outgoing, 1993 January-June	Box 3 (4- Subject Files)	Folder 3
Correspondence -- Outgoing, 1993 July-December	Box 3 (4- Subject Files)	Folder 4
Correspondence -- Incoming, 1995 January-April	Box 3 (4- Subject Files)	Folder 5
Correspondence -- Incoming, 1995 May-September	Box 4 (4- Subject Files)	Folder 1
Correspondence -- Incoming, 1995 October-December	Box 4 (4- Subject Files)	Folder 2
Correspondence -- Outgoing, 1995 January-June	Box 4 (4- Subject Files)	Folder 3
Correspondence -- Outgoing, 1995 July-December	Box 4 (4- Subject Files)	Folder 4
Doctoral Dissertation, by Dr. Alice Green, 1982	Box 4 (4- Subject Files)	Folder 5
Doctoral Dissertation cont, by Dr. Alice Green, 1982	Box 4 (4- Subject Files)	Folder 6
Flyers, Undated		

	Box 4 (4-Subject Files)	Folder 7
Jessie Davis -- Civilian Police Review Board, 1985	Box 5 (4-Subject Files)	Folder 1
Jessie Davis, 1984-19851990-1994	Box 5 (4-Subject Files)	Folder 2
Jessie Davis -- Community Response to the Shooting, 1984-1985	Box 5 (4-Subject Files)	Folder 3
Jessie Davis -- Correspondence, 1984-1994	Box 5 (4-Subject Files)	Folder 4
Jessie Davis -- Fact Sheet Concerning Jessie Davis Shooting, Undated	Box 5 (4-Subject Files)	Folder 5
Jessie Davis -- Grand Jury Report, 1984 August 23	Box 5 (4-Subject Files)	Folder 6
Jessie Davis -- Justice for Jessie Davis Network, 1984-1994	Box 5 (4-Subject Files)	Folder 7
Jessie Davis -- Lawsuit -- Affidavit of Anthony V. Bouza, Undated	Box 5 (4-Subject Files)	Folder 8
Jessie Davis -- Lawsuit -- Affidavit of David Aloisi, Undated	Box 5 (4-Subject Files)	Folder 9
Jessie Davis -- Lawsuit -- Correspondence, 1992	Box 5 (4-Subject Files)	Folder 10
Jessie Davis -- Lawsuit -- Deposition, Undated	Box 5 (4-Subject Files)	Folder 11
Jessie Davis -- Lawsuit -- Memorandum of Decision and Order, 1993	Box 5 (4-Subject Files)	Folder 12
Jessie Davis -- Lawsuit -- Order to Show Cause, 1994 May 6	Box 5 (4-Subject Files)	Folder 13
Jessie Davis -- Police Brutality in Albany, Undated	Box 5 (4-Subject Files)	Folder 14
Jessie Davis -- Police Standard Operating Procedures (Re: Deadly Force and Mental Illness, 1979-1982	Box 5 (4-Subject Files)	Folder 15
Jessie Davis -- Press Releases and the Media, 1993	Box 5 (4-Subject Files)	Folder 16
Jessie Davis -- Public Hearing before the Albany Common Council, 1994	Box 5 (4-Subject Files)	Folder 17
Jessie Davis -- Scrapbook, 1984-1985	Box 5 (4-Subject Files)	Folder 18

Scope and Contents

Photocopied from a scrapbook that was returned to the Center as per their request.

Jessie Davis -- Settlement, 1994	Box 5 (4-Subject Files)	Folder 19
Jessie Davis -- State of Settlement, 1994 June 20	Box 5 (4-Subject Files)	Folder 20
<i>Law and the Black Community</i> (AAS 530), 1992	Box 6 (4-Subject Files)	Folder 1
Legally Speaking Workshop Evaluations, 2000 April	Box 6 (4-Subject Files)	Folder 2
Miscellaneous, Undated	Box 6 (4-Subject Files)	Folder 3
Rights of Ex-Offenders Workshops Evaluation, Undated <u>Conditions Governing Access:</u> Conditions Governing Access Restricted.	Box 6 (4-Subject Files)	Folder 4
Statistics, Undated	Box 6 (4-Subject Files)	Folder 5

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Prisoner Intakes and Letters, 1988-1998

Physical Description: 5.33 cubic ft. (16 boxes)

Scope and Contents

Series 5 consists of prisoner intake files. The files contain letters from the prisoners to Alice Green or her staff. You can also find letters responding to the prisoners' inquiries and/or needs from Alice Green and her staff. The correspondence ranges from letters of introduction, explaining why they are/were incarcerated and what services or information they seek from the Center to Christmas cards. Some of the letters come from family members advocating on behalf of a loved one in prison. Most of those letters are from mothers or wives. The correspondence contains very personal information on the inmate and sometimes on the people they victimized or allegedly victimized, which is why the series is restricted.

Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically by prisoners name.

Conditions Governing Access:

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Access to the records in this series is closed to researchers. Please consult Curator of Manuscripts for more information.

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Newspaper Clippings, 1985-1995

Physical Description: 2 cubic ft. (6 boxes)

Scope and Contents

The Center for Law and Justice maintained clippings files about issues and events that affected the criminal justice system, especially as it pertained to race and the African American community. There are also clippings on the African American community as a whole, both locally and nationally. The clippings span from 1985 to 1995, though articles from pre-85 and post-95 may be found randomly throughout the subject areas. The subject areas include Affirmative Action, African American Families, African American Females, African American Males, African Americans, African Americans in Albany, African Americans in the Media, AIDS, Albany, Alternatives to Incarceration, Center for Law and Justice, Civilian Control of Police, Civil Liberties, Civil Rights, Community Policing, Courts, Crime, Crime Economics, Criminal Justice, Criminal Justice System and Race, Crime Prevention, Death Penalty, Death Row, Drugs, Education, Female Prisoners, Forfeiture Bill, Fourth Amendment, Grand Jury, Juries, Insanity Defense, Misconduct, NYS Legislature, Police Brutality, Poverty, Pre-Trial Release, Prisoners, Prisons, Public Defense, Race and Media, Race and Racism, Race and Racism, Schenectady, Tenants' Rights, Troy, Use of Force, Violence, and Youth.

Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically by subject.

Title/Description	Instances	
Affirmative Action, 1992	Box 1 (6- Newspaper Clippings)	Folder 1
African American Families, Undated	Box 1 (6- Newspaper Clippings)	Folder 2
African American Females, Undated	Box 1 (6- Newspaper Clippings)	Folder 3
African American Males, Undated	Box 1 (6- Newspaper Clippings)	Folder 4
African Americans, 1989-1991	Box 1 (6- Newspaper Clippings)	Folder 5
African Americans, 1992-1993	Box 1 (6- Newspaper Clippings)	Folder 6
African Americans, 1994		

	Box 1 (6- Newspaper Clippings)	Folder 7
African Americans in Albany, Undated	Box 1 (6- Newspaper Clippings)	Folder 8
African Americans in the Media, Undated	Box 1 (6- Newspaper Clippings)	Folder 9
AIDS, 1985-1994	Box 1 (6- Newspaper Clippings)	Folder 10
Albany, NY, 1992-1994	Box 1 (6- Newspaper Clippings)	Folder 11
Alternatives to Incarceration, Undated	Box 1 (6- Newspaper Clippings)	Folder 12
Center for Law and Justice, 1990-1991	Box 2 (6- Newspaper Clippings)	Folder 1
Center for Law and Justice, 1992	Box 2 (6- Newspaper Clippings)	Folder 2
Center for Law and Justice, 1993	Box 2 (6- Newspaper Clippings)	Folder 3
Center for Law and Justice, Undated	Box 2 (6- Newspaper Clippings)	Folder 4
Civilian Control of Police, 1984-1989	Box 2 (6- Newspaper Clippings)	Folder 5
Civil Liberties, 1989-1993	Box 2 (6- Newspaper Clippings)	Folder 6
Civil Rights, 1990-1993	Box 2 (6- Newspaper Clippings)	Folder 7
Community Policing, Undated	Box 2 (6- Newspaper Clippings)	Folder 8
Courts, Undated	Box 3 (6- Newspaper Clippings)	Folder 1
Crime, 1985-1994		

	Box 3 (6- Newspaper Clippings)	Folder 2
Crime Economics, Undated	Box 3 (6- Newspaper Clippings)	Folder 3
Criminal Justice, Undated	Box 3 (6- Newspaper Clippings)	Folder 4
Criminal Justice System and Race, Undated	Box 3 (6- Newspaper Clippings)	Folder 5
Crime Prevention, Undated	Box 3 (6- Newspaper Clippings)	Folder 6
Death Penalty, Undated	Box 4 (6- Newspaper Clippings)	Folder 1
Death Row, Undated	Box 4 (6- Newspaper Clippings)	Folder 2
Drugs, Undated	Box 4 (6- Newspaper Clippings)	Folder 3
Education, Undated	Box 4 (6- Newspaper Clippings)	Folder 4
Female Prisoners, Undated	Box 4 (6- Newspaper Clippings)	Folder 5
Forfeiture Bill, Undated	Box 4 (6- Newspaper Clippings)	Folder 6
Fourth Amendment, Undated	Box 4 (6- Newspaper Clippings)	Folder 7
Grand Jury, Undated	Box 4 (6- Newspaper Clippings)	Folder 8
Juries, Undated	Box 4 (6- Newspaper Clippings)	Folder 9
Insanity Defense, Undated	Box 4 (6- Newspaper Clippings)	Folder 10
Misconduct, Undated		

	Box 4 (6- Newspaper Clippings)	Folder 11
NYS Legislature, Undated	Box 5 (6- Newspaper Clippings)	Folder 1
Police Brutality, Undated	Box 5 (6- Newspaper Clippings)	Folder 2
Poverty, Undated	Box 5 (6- Newspaper Clippings)	Folder 3
Pre-Trial Release, Undated	Box 5 (6- Newspaper Clippings)	Folder 4
Prisoners, Undated	Box 5 (6- Newspaper Clippings)	Folder 5
Prisons, Undated	Box 5 (6- Newspaper Clippings)	Folder 6
Public Defense, Undated	Box 5 (6- Newspaper Clippings)	Folder 7
Race and Media, Undated	Box 5 (6- Newspaper Clippings)	Folder 8
Race and Racism, Undated	Box 5 (6- Newspaper Clippings)	Folder 9
Race and Racism, Undated	Box 6 (6- Newspaper Clippings)	Folder 1
Schenectady, NY, 1992-1994	Box 6 (6- Newspaper Clippings)	Folder 2
Tenants' Right, Undated	Box 6 (6- Newspaper Clippings)	Folder 3
Troy, NY, 1992-1994	Box 6 (6- Newspaper Clippings)	Folder 4
Use of Force, Undated	Box 6 (6- Newspaper Clippings)	Folder 5
Violence, Undated		

	Box 6 (6- Newspaper Clippings)	Folder 6
Youth, Undated	Box 6 (6- Newspaper Clippings)	Folder 7

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Photographs, 1991-1995

Physical Description: 0.2 cubic ft. (1 box)

Scope and Contents

This series contains photographs of special events held and sponsored by The Center for Law and Justice. There are some notable people from the Capital District that are featured as speakers or being honored.

Folder 1 includes a black and white photograph of Jonathan E. Gradess, Executive Director of the Defenders' Association. Gradess was honored with the Frederick Douglass Struggle for Justice Award in 1995. Included in the folder is a short biography of Gradess.

Folder 2 contains 14 color photographs of participants from the Prevention and Empowerment Program (PREP).

Folders 3 to 10 include 16 photographs of the Center for Law and Justice's first Capital District Community Conference on Crime and Criminal Justice. The event was on Saturday, May 18, 1991 at the Empire State Plaza Convention Center in Albany, New York.

Title/Description	Instances	
Black and White Photograph of Jonathan E. Gradess, Executive Director of the Defenders' Association and 1995 recipient of the Frederick Douglass Struggle for Justice Award, given by the Center for Law and Justice, Undated	Box 1 (7- Photographs)	Folder 1
Color photos of the Prevention and Empowerment Program, Undated	Box 1 (7- Photographs)	Folder 2
1991 Conference, 1991	Box 1 (7- Photographs)	Folder 3-10

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Administrative Files, 1985-1998

Physical Description: 0.17 cubic ft. (1 box)

Scope and Contents

Series 8 is made of the administrative files of the Center. This includes annual reports, legal documents, certificate of incorporation, tax forms, financial statements and board meeting minutes. The documents are incomplete and there are several gaps in time for some of the files.

Title/Description	Instances	
Annual Reports, 1994-2000	Box 1 (8-Administrative Files)	Folder 1
Board of Directors, Undated	Box 1 (8-Administrative Files)	Folder 2
Board Meeting Minutes, 1991-2000	Box 1 (8-Administrative Files)	Folder 3
Bylaws, Undated	Box 1 (8-Administrative Files)	Folder 4
Center for Law and Justice, Inc., Undated	Box 1 (8-Administrative Files)	Folder 5
Financial Statements, 1990-1991	Box 1 (8-Administrative Files)	Folder 6
Insurance, 1991	Box 1 (8-Administrative Files)	Folder 7
Legal Documents, 1990	Box 1 (8-Administrative Files)	Folder 8
<p>Scope and Contents</p> <p>(includes IRS forms, Certificate of Incorporation, etc.).</p>		
Mission, Undated	Box 1 (8-Administrative Files)	Folder 9

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Publications, 1991-2000

Physical Description: 0.33 cubic ft. (1 box)

Scope and Contents

Series 9 consists of a small number of Center publications including *The Advocate*. The collection of *The Advocate* is incomplete. There is also a folder of publications by others, relevant to some of the work done by the Center. *The Advocate* is a quarterly community criminal justice journal. First published in 1992, the Advocate serves to inform and educate the community about the criminal justice system and how it operates. Regular features include the

demographics of the state prison population, significant local and national criminal justice news briefs, summaries of important legislation and court decisions, writings by prisoners, book and film reviews, and guest editorials.

Title/Description	Instances	
<i>Advocate</i> , 1992-1996	Box 1 (9-Publications)	Folder 1
<i>Advocate</i> , 1997-2000	Box 1 (9-Publications)	Folder 2
<i>Did You Know? Some General Legal Concepts</i> , Undated	Box 1 (9-Publications)	Folder 3
<i>Do We Need More Prisons?</i> , Undated	Box 1 (9-Publications)	Folder 4
Newsletter Articles, 1991	Box 1 (9-Publications)	Folder 5
<i>On Your Own: Free Legal Information and Services in the Capital District</i> , Undated	Box 1 (9-Publications)	Folder 6
Publications by Others, Undated	Box 1 (9-Publications)	Folder 7
<i>Repairing the Breach: Key Ways to Support Family Life, Reclaim Our Streets and Rebuild Civil Society in America's Communities</i> , 1996	Box 1 (9-Publications)	Folder 8
<i>Street Smart: Your Legal Rights on the Street</i> , Undated	Box 1 (9-Publications)	Folder 9
<i>To Protect and Serve? A Status Report on the Relationship between the Community and the Albany Police Department</i> , 1998 June	Box 1 (9-Publications)	Folder 10

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