Extent

19 folders, approximately 1,235 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records related to the landmark 2000 decision by the United States Supreme Court in Boy Scouts of America (BSA) v James Dale. Dale was an Eagle Scout who became an adult member of the BSA as an assistant scoutmaster in New Jersey. The records consist of articles, briefing papers, drafts, emails, legal briefs, letters, meeting notes, memos, memorandums of understanding, routing forms, and transcripts. Topics cover discrimination, government sponsorship/support of private organizations, homosexuality, honorary chairmanships, legal strategy, and youth programs.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2012-0876-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about additional related materials. FOIA 2012-0876-F concerns the landmark 2000 decision by the US Supreme Court in Boy Scouts of America (BSA) v James Dale. Dale was an Eagle Scout who became an adult member of the BSA as an assistant scoutmaster in New Jersey. During an interview with a local paper while in college in July 1990 Dale mentioned he was gay. The following week he received a letter from BSA terminating his association with the organization. Dale sued BSA for discrimination and the resulting case went all the way to the Supreme Court, whose 5-4 decision sided with the BSA. The records consist of articles, briefing papers, drafts, emails, legal briefs, letters, meeting notes, memos, memorandum of understanding (MOU), routing forms, and transcripts. Topics cover discrimination, government sponsorship/support of private organizations, homosexuality, POTUS honorary chairmanships, legal strategy, and youth programs.

Record Type

Textual

System of Arrangement

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in these collections areas— Clinton Presidential Records: White House Office of Records Management (WHORM) Subject Files: General, Clinton Presidential Records: Staff and Office Files, and Clinton Presidential Records: Automated Records Management System [Email]. The WHORM Subject file was compiled by the White House Office of Records Management and is a series of categories designated by a letter/number combination. Staff and Office files were maintained at the folder level by staff members within their individual offices and document all levels of administration activity. WHORM files are processed at the document level; whereas, Staff and Office files are processed at the folder level, that is, individual documents are not selected and removed from a folder for processing. While this method maintains folder integrity, it frequently results in the incidental processing of documents that are not wholly responsive to the subject area. The Automated Records Management System (ARMS) is a database that contains email records of the Executive Office of the President. This system maintained unclassified Presidential email. The ARMS dataset is comprised of 6 sub-series of email records called “Buckets.” The buckets include NPR, OPD, POTUS, WHO, CEA, and Default. ARMS emails are printed and arranged chronologically by creation date.

Access

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Provenance

Official records of William Jefferson Clinton’s presidency are housed at the Clinton Presidential Library and administered by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) under the provisions of the Presidential Records Act (PRA).

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Staff Archivist, 2013. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

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Container List

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[WE009] 427738
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Chief of Staff
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Domestic Policy Council
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Potter, Julian
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