Extent

2 folders, approximately 11 pages

Summary

This collection consists of records related to the Supreme Court's decision in Barnett Bank vs. Bill Nelson, Florida Insurance Commissioner, et al. This responsive records in this collection consist of new articles.

Scope and Content Note

The materials in FOIA 2010-0381-F are a selective body of documents responsive to the topic of the FOIA. Researchers should consult the archivist about related materials. FOIA request 2010-0381 contains news articles concerning the Supreme Court ruling on Barnett Banks. Barnett Bank was founded in 1877 and eventually became the largest commercial bank in Florida. The bank was sold to NationsBank in 1997. NationsBank and BankAmerica Corp merged in 1998 to form Bank of America. In October of 1993, Barnett Banks, an affiliated national bank, which has branches in small Florida towns, bought a Florida licensed insurance agency. The Florida State Insurance Commissioner, referencing the 1974 Florida State Statute which prohibits banks from selling certain types of insurance, ordered Barnett to stop selling insurance. Barnett filed action for declaratory and injunctive relief in federal court claiming the 1916 Federal Statute pre-empted the Florida State Statute. The District Court ruled for the defendant, the Florida State Insurance Commissioner, by upholding that the Federal Statute did not fall within the McCarran Ferguson Act’s exception because it did not specifically relate to the business of insurance and that the State Statue was a law enacted for the purpose of regulating insurance. The Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the District Court’s ruling. In March of 1996, the Supreme Court overturned the ruling of the District Court and sided with the plaintiff, Barnett Banks. The Supreme Court reasoned that the Federal Statute which gives banks broad privileges to sell insurance is governed by federal rules and

regulations and the State does not have to right to pre-empt the Federal Statute. Clinton Presidential Records relating to Barnett Banks consist of Automated Records Management System (ARMS) emails. Automated Records Management System (ARMS) records responsive to this FOIA originate in the following agencies: Office of Policy Development (OPD), and Default e-mails belonging to no specific agency. These e-mails consist of articles forwarded between staff members.

Record Type

Textual

System of Arrangement

Records that are responsive to this FOIA request were found in these collection areas — Clinton Presidential Records: Automated Records Management System [Email]. 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 Records 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 arranged chronologically by creation date.

Access

Collection is open to all researchers. Access to Clinton Presidential Records is governed by the Presidential Records Act (PRA) (44 USC 2201) and the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 USC 552, as amended) and therefore records may be restricted in whole or in part in accordance with legal exemptions.

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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, 2010. Previously restricted materials are added as they are released.

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Container List

The following is a list of documents and folders processed in response to FOIA 2010-0381-F:
BOX 1
Clinton Presidential Records: Automated Records Management System [Email]
OPD [OA/ID 250000]
[Barnett Banks]
[05/13/1996-06/05/1996]
Default [OA/ID 1100000]
[Barnett Banks]
[05/13/1996-06/12/1996]