

US District Court, Southern District of California

Criteria for Accessing Federal History Committee materials

The Federal History Committee for the Southern District of California is appointed by the Chief Judge of the Southern District and is tasked with collecting and preserving materials pertinent to the history of this District. In addition to written materials and photographs, the committee has also conducted oral interviews of judges and other court personnel, and a limited number of practitioners, so that the stories of this federal family are not lost to future generations.

The videos and other materials are not public, to protect the subjects from unwarranted and/or unprofessional use of their words. It has been our intent to collect honest recollections and recounting of personal histories without an inhibiting fear of misuse.

Therefore, access to these materials is available only through the Clerk of Court for the Southern District, and requesters must verify:

1. Their use of any materials obtained is for research purposes only and is not to be presented in any fashion on social or other media without advanced permission.
2. If the material is to be used for a research paper or in an article intended for publication (in any source), the draft of such a paper or article is to be first submitted to the Clerk of Court for review by the Clerk and the members of the Federal History Committee.
3. The requester agrees to any and all use restrictions imposed upon her or him by the Clerk and the Committee.
4. The failure to abide by the criteria imposed can result in a permanent bar of access to these materials.