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Title Interview with Ethel S. Sorokin

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Primary Maker Ethel S. Sorokin

Description Oral history interview with Ethel S. Sorokin who was interviewed by

George C. Hastings on January 8, 2001 for the Connecticut Bar Foundation's

History of Connecticut Women in the Legal Profession Project. Topics Discussed:

- Birth and Early Life: Born on September 17, 1928, at Mount Sinai Hospital in

Hartford. - Her Family: They lived on Williams Street, and later moved to

Farmington Avenue and lived there until she married. - Her Father's Business:

Her father, who did not attend college initially, later studied civil engineering at

Valparaiso University in Indiana. He owned Capitol Paper Company, which later

became Standard Paper Company, a wholesale paper company that had

previously been in his father's family. - Education: Ethel attended kindergarten

at Bugbee School, and later went to Sedgwick School. She then attended Hall

High School and graduated before going to Vassar College. - Congresswoman

Jeannette Rankin. - College Education: Ethel majored in political science at

Vassar College. - Milton Sorokin: She met Milton Sorokin during Christmas

vacation of her junior year at Vassar. Milton was in law school at the University of

Connecticut School of Law. They became engaged before she returned to school

in September. - Law School: While researching her thesis on the conflict

between the First Amendment and a fair trial at the University of Connecticut

School of Law library in October 1949, Milton suggested she go to law school.

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She was accepted without needing to take the LSAT. - Early Work: Worked part-

time for the Public Expenditure Council on a research project surveying welfare

women who received no support from ex-husbands after divorce. - Marriage and

First Job: Ethel and Milton married two weeks after their graduation. Milton got

a job with Levine and Katz, a law firm, through Oscar Levine, and Ethel was also

hired by the same firm upon her graduation from law school.

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