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Title Interview with Mary M. Galvin

Date 2001 March 7

Primary Maker Mary M. Galvin

Description Oral history interview with Mary M. Galvin who was interviewed by

Judge Anne C. Dranginis on March 7, 2001 for the Connecticut Bar Foundation's

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

- Family Background and Immigration: Mary M. Galvin's great-grandfather

immigrated from Ireland in the 1840s due to the potato famine, settling in New

Haven around 1869 and starting a fruit business that continued until the 1940s. -

Parents' Lives: Her father became increasingly active in politics, serving as

President of the Board of Aldermen in New Haven until his death in 1954. Her

mother became the first woman to serve on the Board of Aldermen in New

Haven after her father's death. - Stock Market Crash. - Early Education: She

attended St. Peter's Grammar School in New Haven, taught mostly by nuns. The

church was torn down in 2000. She then attended Sacred Heart Academy, an all-

girls school. - College Education: Mary started at Quinnipiac University, initially

interested in science. She then transferred to Southern Connecticut State

University for a speech and communications program. - 1968-1971 Protests. -

Bobby Seale Trial (May 1970). - Law and Early Career: She went to law school at

Catholic University, at the Columbus School of Law in Washington, D.C. After her

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first year of law school, she worked for the Hill Office of New Haven Legal

Assistance. In the summer of 1973, after graduating, she worked in Arnold

Markle's office on appellate issues for the New Haven State's Attorney's Office.

Dimensions Duration: 1 Hour, 56 Minutes