

# J. Alan Beesley fonds

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# Fonds Description

**J. Alan Beesley fonds.** – 1946-2009.

2.35 m of textual records and other material.

## Biographical Sketch

John Alan Beesley (1927-2009) was born in Smithers, B.C. From 1949 to 1950 he obtained his B.A. and LL.B from the University of British Columbia. The following year, he was called to the Bar of British Columbia, where he practiced law with Crease & Co. in Victoria until 1956. In September of 1956 Beesley joined the Department of External Affairs, and in 1967 he became the Director of the Legal Division and held this position until 1971.

Beesley's assignments have included: the Canadian Embassy in Israel; the Canadian Permanent Mission to the United Nations in Geneva (1964-1967); Assistant Under-Secretary and Legal Advisor (1972-1973); Ambassador of Canada to Austria, IAEA (International Atomic Energy Agency) and UNIDO (United Nations Industrial Development Organization) from 1973-1976; Canadian High Commissioner to Australia, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu (1978-1980); Ambassador for Disarmament, New York (1980-1982); Ambassador to United Nations at Geneva to the Disarmament Conference and GATT (1983-1987); Visiting professor at the University of British Columbia Law School (1987-1988); and Ambassador for Marine Conservation and Special Environmental Advisor to Canadian Foreign Minister (1989-1991). Beesley is remembered for his leading role and contributions as Ambassador to Law of the Sea Conference and Chairman of Conference Drafting Committee, from 1967 to 1983. In 2003, Beesley was invited to participate in Canada's Ratification of the Convention under Jean Chrétien.

Over his career, significant honours for Beesley have included earning honorary doctorates in Environmental Studies (University of Waterloo, 1983), and in Law (Dalhousie University, 1994). He received the Order of Canada in 1984, as well as the Prime Minister's Outstanding Public Service award in 1983. Medals have included the Admiral's Medal for Contributions to Canadian Maritime Affairs (1993), Medal of Honour from the United Nation Association of Canada (1995), the Human Rights Medal of Honour, and the Commemorative Medal for the Golden Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II (2002). John Alan Beesley died on 22 January 2009.

## Scope and Content

Fonds consists of personal and professional materials of Beesley's related to his career. The fonds is divided into seven series: Biographical/Personal Information series (1946,

1972-2009); Correspondence series (1973, 1979, 1980-1984); Articles, Statements, and Speeches series (1967-2004); Newspaper Clippings series (1972-1982); International Law Commission (UN General Assembly Reports) series (1986-1992), Photographs series (1962-1963, 1972-1984, 1989, 2003), and Audiovisual series (1972-1982).

## **Notes**

Title based on content of fonds.

Other material includes 95 photographs, 8 audiocassette tapes, 7 digital images, 3 reel-to-reel tapes, 3 CD-R discs, and 1 floppy diskette.

Researchers are strongly advised to check with the University Archives regarding permission to publish or otherwise use materials from this fonds.

Boxes 11 and 12 contain materials that were restricted until 24 May 2022.

Photographs have been digitized and included in UBC Archives' [Historical Photograph Database](#) (UBC 126.1).

## Series Descriptions

**Biographical/Personal Information series.** -- 1946, 1972-2009.

26 cm of textual material.

Series consists of photocopies of awards, invitations, versions of Beesley's CV, and a paper written during his undergraduate degree at the University of British Columbia. Series also consists of information on Beesley's Order of Canada, numerous pieces of correspondence congratulating him on his achievements, and information regarding Beesley's burial at sea in 2009.

Some items have been digitized and can be viewed on-line.

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**Correspondence series.** - 1973, 1979, 1980-1984.

1 cm of textual material.

Series consists of incoming and outgoing letters pertaining to the Law of the Sea conferences and other political issues.

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**Articles, Statements, and Speeches series.** -- 1967-2004.

1.77 m of textual material.

3 CD-R discs.

1 floppy diskette.

Series consists of various articles, statements and speeches Beesley made throughout this career. Series is arranged chronologically. The CD-R optical discs contain jpeg images of the textual material and provide a useful subject analysis for the speeches and statements, in particular those that relate to the political issues and debates surrounding the Law of the Sea Conference. The jpeg images are arranged into folders by subject and were scanned at a low resolution (100 dpi).

Some items have been made available on-line.

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**Newspaper Clippings series.** -- 1972-1982.

7 cm of textual material.

Series consists of newspaper articles that feature Beesley. Series arranged by subject.

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**International Law Commission (UN General Assembly Reports) series.**--1986-1992.  
24 cm textual material.

Series consists of publications, primarily UN General Assembly Reports, relating to the International Law Commission. Publications either feature Beesley or have annotations.

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**Photographs series.**--1962-2003.

95 photographs.

7 digital images.

Series consists of 102 colour and black & white photographs featuring Beesley. Some photographs are only available as digital images; physical photographs are catalogued as part the photograph holdings under [UBC 126.1](#).

**Audiovisual Materials series.**--1972-1982.

8 audiocassette tapes.

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Series consists of several audiocassette tapes and reel-to-reels either featuring Beesley or regarding projects he was involved in during his career.

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