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Matthew L. Weyuker Papers

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Descriptive Summary

Title
Matthew L. Weyuker Papers

Collection Number
PP5

Creator
Matthew L. Weyuker

Extent
0.75 linear feet, 2 document boxes

Repository
Western University of Health Sciences, The Harriet K. & Philip Pumerantz Library, Archives and Special Collections.

Abstract
The materials in this collection were created from 1971-1998. The files include legislative documents, OPSC (Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of California) materials, and news and legislative documents concerning the osteopathic profession in California. The collection also contains journals, newspaper clippings, and correspondence. The collection documents Weyuker’s professional activities as a lobbyist and Executive Director for OPSC and Legislative Consultant and Director of Government Relations for COMP (College of Osteopathic medicine of the Pacific). It also provides a wealth of information on legislative information pertaining to the Osteopathic profession in California.
Administrative Information

Access
Collection is open for research.

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Provenance and Acquisition
This collection was received as a gift of Matthew L. Weyuker on May 16, 2011.

Processing Information
Processed by Azalea Camacho in 2011. The majority of the materials received were arranged by legislative documents and OPSC (Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of California) files. It appeared that the original groupings would work well and therefore, with a few exceptions, retained. Loose material was in no perceivable order and either incorporated with existing folders or new folders were created. During processing, duplicates, rusted staples and paper clips were removed. All materials were re-housed in archival quality acid-free folders.

Preferred Citation
Folder title, Series, Box number, Collection title, followed by Archives, Harriet K. & Philip Pumerantz Library, Western University of Health Sciences.
Matthew L. Weyuker was born in Brooklyn, New York in April 1933. At nine months old his family moved to Queens where he attended elementary and high schools. In 1952 Weyuker joined the Navy and was stationed in San Diego, where he received two years of college credit.

Soon after his naval career, Weyuker worked in the insurance business for over thirteen years and owned his own agency for six years. It was in 1961, when Weyuker presented a group medical malpractice insurance program to the Los Angeles Osteopathic Society, that Weyuker became aware of the Osteopathic profession. In 1962, Proposition 22 was approved by the California voters, which eliminated the practice of osteopathic medicine in the state. In conjunction with Proposition 22 the California Medical Association (CMA) issued MD degrees to all DOs in the state of California for a fee.

From 1966 to 1977, Weyuker managed a State Assembly campaign and served as a legislative consultant for ten years. However, his growing interest in the Osteopathic profession and impressive work experience enabled him to acquire the OPSC (Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of California) Executive Director position in 1978. As the OPSC Executive Director, Weyuker become involved with legislative associates and staff of Osteopathic organizations including COMP (College of Osteopathic medicine of the Pacific). It also enabled him to have many legislative bills passed by the State Legislature and signed into law by three different governors.

As OPSC’s Executive Director for nearly 20 years, Weyuker set out to accomplish various goals for both the association and himself. Weyuker’s main responsibilities were legislative advocacy, publishing articles for the Osteopathic Report and OPSC Journal, coordinating the OPSC conventions, seminars and conferences, managing the day-to-day affairs of the association, organizing the Board of Director’s quarterly meetings, networking with the AOA, AOSED and other osteopathic and allopathic organizations, and improving communications within and outside of OPSC. Many of the OPSC’s accomplishments were reached through a diligent legislative agenda. On February 13, 1980 the first critical piece of OPSC sponsored legislation was introduced. The measure, SB1368 (B.Green), was targeted to strengthen the D’Amico decision by stating that the Board of Osteopathic Examiners was the only board authorized to license DOs. Weyuker also served as the lobbyist, first for OPSC and eventually for Western University of Health Sciences.

In December 1997 Weyuker retired from OPSC as Executive Director after a nineteen and a half year service. In the same month he became a full-time Director of
Government Relations for Western University of Health Sciences, a position which he held until July 2000. Then in 1998 Weyuker moved with his wife, Marlene, to Desert Hot Springs and became interested in the city’s political issues. Weyuker eventually became the Mayor of Desert Hot Springs and served three two-year terms.
SCOPE AND CONTENT

The materials in this collection were created from 1971-1998. The bulk of the files include legislative and OPSC (Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of California) documents. The collection also contains professional correspondence, newspaper clippings, and publications on the osteopathic profession in California. The collection documents Weyuker’s professional activities as a lobbyist for the Osteopathic profession in California, which includes his involvement with OPSC and COMP (College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific).

The collection contains information on the history of osteopathy and the struggles of California D.O.s in regaining their right to practice. Their efforts are documented through legislative documents such as reports, briefs, bills, and court decisions.

SERIES DESCRIPTION

SERIES I: LEGISLATIVE DOCUMENTS

Inclusive Dates: 1971-1995
Arrangement: Alphabetical and thereunder chronological

This large series, the bulk of which contains legislative documents such as briefs, bills, court decisions, and other legal materials relating to AB 2372, SB 2491, SB 827, and D’Amico case. This series also includes Laws Relating to the Practice of Osteopathic Medicine issued by the Board of Examinees, articles, and letters.
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SERIES II: OPSC (OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF CALIFORNIA)

Arrangement: Alphabetical and thereunder chronological

This small series consists of directories, professional documents, and OPSC historical information. This series also includes Matthew L. Weyuker Osteopathic physicians and surgeons of California Five Year Plan. In this paper Weyuker describes the OPSC vision for the future. He also describes one of the main goals of the organization, which is to promote the high standards of the osteopathic physicians. Other goals discussed include identifying, monitoring, disseminating, and responding to public policy matters uniquely affecting DOs.

Of particular interest is a speech presented to the 32nd Annual Meeting of the Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of California by Theodore A. D’Amico, DO in February 20, 1993. In his speech he describes his aspiration to become a DO and the difficulties in obtaining an application for a license in California. He also discusses his case against the Board of Medical Examiners and the Board of Osteopathic Examiners.

SERIES III: CORRESPONDENCE

Inclusive Dates 1978-1998
Arrangement: Alphabetical and thereunder chronological

This small series consists of professional correspondence to and from Matthew L. Weyuker.

Several letters of interest are included in this series: 1) Letter from Barbara M. Motz Deputy Attorney General, which she encloses the default judgment entered against the College of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons; 2) Letter from Donald Siehl, DO President of the American Osteopathic Association in which he discusses the California Medical Association’s campaign, Proposition 22, and the D’Amico case; 3) Letter written by Matthew L. Weyuker to a member of the Assembly State Capital, Nolan Frizzelle, OD in which he mentions Section 2154 that deals with the Osteopathic Medical Board of California and out-of-state physician seeking licensure in California under the reciprocity provisions.
SERIES IV: PUBLICATIONS

Inclusive Dates: 1974-1993
Arrangement: Alphabetical and thereunder chronological

This small series contains journals, newspaper clippings, Supreme Court decision articles, and news briefs. The journals include Sacramental Press Journal Appellate Report April 11, 1974, The Antitrust Bulletin Vol. XXII, Number 2 Summer 1977, and photocopy of the California Reporter. Newspaper clippings in this series consist of articles regarding the California Supreme court Decision in 1974 that renders unconstitutional the 1962 state law prohibiting the licensing of DOs in California.

SERIES V: OSTEOPATHIC HISTORY

Inclusive Dates: 1995
Arrangement: Alphabetical and thereunder chronological

This small series consists of articles that pertain to general Osteopathic history. The articles contain information about Andrew Taylor Still, MD, the case D’Amico vs. the Board of Medical Examiners, and general information on the history of Osteopathy in California.
CONTAINER LIST

Box 1

Series I: Legislative Documents 1971-1995

1.2  Board of Osteopathic Examiners 1989-1995
1.3  D’amico Legal Documents 1971-1979
1.4  D’amico Supreme Court Decision 1974-1978, n.d.
1.5  Legal 1974-1983, n.d.
1.6  Legal-Briefs, Decisions, Etc. Part I 1974-1986
1.7  Proposition 22
1.8  SB 2491 1988
1.9  SB 827-Greene 1974
1.10 Supreme Court Clarification 1978, n.d.


1.11 Directories 1979-1998
1.14 OPSC Membership, n.d.
1.15 Speech Material ACGP Meeting 1979-1990

Series III: Correspondence 1978-1998

1.16 Correspondence 1978-1998

Box 2

Series IV: Publications 1974-1993

2.2 Newspaper Clippings 1974-1993
2.3 Supreme Court Decision Articles 1974, n.d.
Series V: Osteopathic History 1995

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The following materials were removed and deposited in Special Collections

• 2 Copies of The California DO: A Publication of the Osteopathic Physicians & Surgeons of California, Winter 1993