Domestic Policy Council

Diana L. Schacht, Subject Files

Position: Special Assistant to the President for Justice Policy
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Abstract: Diana L. Schacht served on the Domestic Policy Council as Special Assistant to the President for Justice Policy from March 2001 to March 2005. This series consists of her office files and contains materials on such topics as campaign finance reform, the New Freedom Initiative, No Child Left Behind and the Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2002.

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Biographical History: Diana L. Schacht was born on February 1, 1958 in St. Louis, MO. She attended Yale University graduating with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in economics. She earned a law degree from Georgetown University in 1987.

In March 2001, Schacht accepted the position of Special Assistant to the President for Justice Policy on President George W. Bush’s Domestic Policy Council which she held until March 2005.
Prior to her tenure at the White House, she served as Chief Counsel to the House Committee on the Judiciary and as an attorney with Williams & Connolly.

Scope and Content Note: The Diana Schacht, Subject Files contain correspondence, memoranda, legislation, newspaper clippings, manuals, programs, brochures, invitations, printed email, press releases, reports, and drafts thereof. The bulk of these materials are related to campaign finance reform and consist of correspondence between staff members of the George W. Bush Administration, Congress, Cabinet members, federal government agencies and the general public. Also present are bill summaries, draft legislation, press releases and reports including the Congressional Research Service Reports for Congress “Campaign Finance Bills in the 107th Congress: Comparison of S. 22 (Hagel-Landrieu) with S. 27 (McCain-Feingold)” and “Campaign Finance Bills in the 107th Congress: Comparison of S. 27 (McCain-Feingold), H.R. 2356 (Shays-Meehan), H.R. 2360 (Ney-Wynn), and Current Law”. Much of the rest of these materials are administrative files consisting of correspondence and invitations regarding such topics as the New Freedom Initiative and No Child Left Behind, meeting requests, programs from Easter at the White House 2003 and The United States Capitol and Congress brochures. Included are a Domestic Policy Council Staff Resource Manual and a Blackberry User Guide. The remainder of these materials consists of legislation, newspaper clippings, reports and correspondence with President George W. Bush, George W. Bush administration staff, Congress and the general public regarding such topics as the Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2002, absentee/military voting, the Real ID Act of 2005, and racism. Included is the report “Combating Hate on the Internet: An International Comparative Review of Policy Approaches” and “The Report of the Hate and Bias Activity Roundtable”.

System of Arrangement: The Collection is arranged alphabetically by subject.

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2 Abortion: Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act 2002
3 Absentee/Military Voting
4 Administrative [Folder 1]: Correspondence Declined
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6 Administrative [Folder 1]: DPC (Domestic Policy Council) Staff Resource Manual [1]
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10 Administrative [Folder 1]: Meeting Requests [2]
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12 Administrative [Folder 1]: No Child Left Behind
13 Administrative [Folder 2]: Blackberry User Guide
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1 [Campaign Finance Reform - Senate Votes] [Folder 1] [2]
2 [Campaign Finance Reform - Senate Votes] [Folder 2]
3 [Campaign Reform Bill]
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6 [Canada's Material on Racism and Hate] [3]
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