

**5600CA-GSM-gau (USMARC); GSG (OCLC/SOLINET)**  
**City of Savannah, Research Library & Municipal Archives, Savannah, Georgia**

**Record Series #: 5600CA**

**Name: City of Savannah, Georgia Records – City Attorney**

**Dates: 1903-1913**

**Extent/Size: 2 volumes (0.33 cubic feet)**

***Organizational History:***

The office of the City Attorney, originally known as the Corporation Attorney, was created in 1856 (Code of Savannah 1858, pp. 118-119). A City ordinance in 1873 stated that the Corporation Attorney was also to serve as Judge of Police Court, and from 1878 to 1880, the offices of Corporation Attorney and Judge of City Court were combined (Gamble, pp. 158-159). However, Georgia Act 209 (1880) separated the two offices, stating that no judge shall practice law (Georgia Laws 1880, pp. 457-459). A City ordinance of 1890 changed the title of the office from Corporation Attorney to City Attorney (Gamble, p. 459), and by 1949, the office had expanded to include two Assistant City Attorneys (Code of Savannah 1958, p. 273).

The City Attorney is appointed by the Mayor and Aldermen, and serves as the legal advisor, counselor and advocate of the City (2008 Service Program and Budget, p. 47). His duties include: representing the City in any courts of law or equity; providing legal opinions to the Mayor and Aldermen, and City Manager; and revising legal ordinances (Code of Savannah 1858, pp. 118-119). According to an 1867 ordinance, the City Attorney is also required to attend all City Council meetings and to make reports on all matters that he deems necessary.

***Scope and Content:***

Record Series 5600CA City of Savannah, Georgia Records – City Attorney (1903-1913), is arranged into the following sub-series. See Scope and Content notes for each sub-series for further information about the content and arrangement of the materials.

5600CA-010 Letter Books – City Attorney Opinions

***Related Series:***

5600CC City of Savannah, Georgia Records – City Court.

5600MY City of Savannah, Georgia Records – Mayor's Office.

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**Sub-series #: 5600CA-010**

**Name: Letter Books – City Attorney Opinions (Indexed)**

**Dates: 1903-1905, 1911-1913**

**Extent/Size: 2 volumes (0.33 cubic feet)**

***Sub-series description:***

Sub-series 5600CA-010 Letter Books – City Attorney Opinions (1903-1905, 1911-1913) includes two volumes of correspondence of the City Attorney, including legal opinions addressed to the Mayor and other local officials, as well as, correspondence to parties with whom the City of Savannah conducted legal business. These records were originally part of the Mayor's Office (see Series 5600MY Mayor's Office).

***Arrangement:***

Chronological.

***Inventory:***

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| 5600CA-010 Volume 1 | City Attorney Opinions, 1903-1905 |
| 5600CA-010 Volume 2 | City Attorney Opinions, 1911-1913 |