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Abstract: Donald Steinmetz was a former Wisconsin State Supreme Court justice. Born in Milwaukee in 1924, he graduated from South Division High School and served with the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II. After the war, he earned bachelor's and law degrees from the University of Wisconsin. He worked with the family private practice for seven years before he served as assistant city attorney and in the county district attorney's office. In 1966 he became a county judge and later a circuit court judge until he successfully ran for election to the state Supreme Court in 1980. He was reelected in 1990. His opinion in the 1998 case concerning Milwaukee's school choice program was instrumental in sustaining the program. He passed away in August 2013.

Scope and Content: The collection includes minutes, working papers, reports and correspondence of the Committee on Court Reorganization, the Administrative Committee on Courts, the Judicial Planning Committee and the Wisconsin State Board of County Judges. Also included are records from related state committees on judicial ethics and TV/radio in the courtroom.

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