Before joining the U.S. Senate, James O. Eastland had a small law practice in Ruleville, Mississippi. As with most of Eastland’s career ventures, he was in business with his father, Woods C. Eastland. The four boxes of material in this subseries feature case files from Eastland’s law office in the 1930s and 1940s. The files are in alphabetical order by client or correspondent, and the folders retain the original subject headings of the law firm. Most of the practice dealt primarily with civil law and family law. In addition to strictly legal matters, the files also contain correspondence of a more political nature, such as requests for assistance in gaining government employment or receiving pardons or shortened sentences for imprisoned laborers.

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