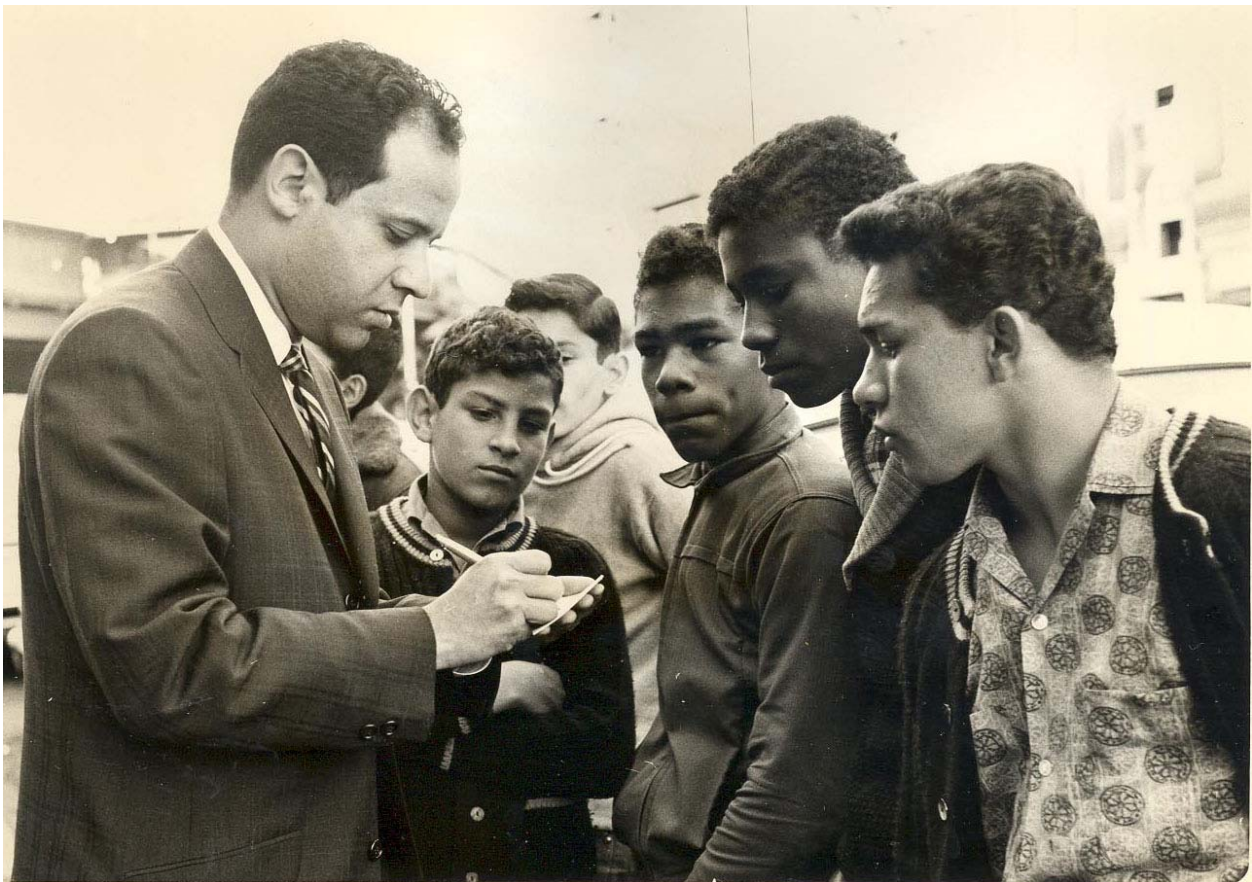




Guide to the Frank Torres Papers



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FRANK TORRES (1928-)

Biographical Note:

Although Frank Torres is best known for his contributions to the judiciary and the legal profession, he is also regarded as an important civic leader and legislator. He served in the State Assembly in 1963 and 1964 representing District Four in the Bronx and was elected to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, where he served from 1986 to 2001.



Left to right: Felipe N., Frank and Austin Torres.

Judge Torres was born in New York City on January 25, 1928 to Felipe N. Torres, a legendary family court judge and State Assemblyman, and Flérida Medina. He attended New York City public schools and graduated from the prestigious Stuyvesant High School in Manhattan. He obtained his Bachelors Degree in the social sciences at the City College of New York (1946-1951) and then went on to St. John's University Law School from 1951-1955. Torres also attended the Manhattan School of Music where he studied the violin.

While at St. John's Law School, he worked as a counselor for the Children's Shelter and as an investigator and interviewer for the Department of Welfare of the City of New York (1952-1956). His pre-bench legal experience also included working as an interpreter and as a law clerk in both the civil and criminal courts (1956-1957).

On April 1, 1957 he was admitted to the Bar in New York in the Appellate Division First Department. From 1958-1962 he worked as an assistant district attorney under Daniel Sullivan and Isidore Dollinger. In 1962 in opposition to the Democratic organization of the Bronx, he ran as an independent candidate for the New York

Nota biográfica:

Frank Torres es reconocido como un importante líder cívico, abogado y juez de Nueva York. Fue asambleísta en la legislatura estatal (1963-1964) por el distrito número cuatro del Bronx y el primer puertorriqueño electo como Juez de la Corte Suprema del Estado de Nueva York del 1986 hasta el 2001.

Nació el 25 de enero de 1928 en Nueva York y sus padres fueron Felipe N. Torres (1897-1994; Juez de Familia y Asambleísta Estatal) y Flérida Medina. Estudió en escuelas públicas y se graduó de la prestigiosa Stuyvesant High School en Manhattan en el año del 1945. En los años de 1946 al 1951, realizó sus estudios universitarios en el City College (CUNY), donde obtuvo un bachillerato en ciencias sociales y luego estudió leyes en el St. John's University Law School de 1951 a 1955. También estudió violín en el Manhattan School of Music.

Mientras estudiaba leyes, trabajó como consejero de niños en el Children's Shelter y como investigador social y entrevistador para el Departamento de Bienestar Social (Department of Welfare) de la Ciudad de Nueva York (1952-1956). Además, sirvió como intérprete en las Cortes Civiles y Criminales (1956-1957).

El 1 de abril de 1957 fue acreditado a ejercer la abogacía en Nueva York en la División de Apelaciones del Primer Departamento del Estado de Nueva York. Trabajó como Asistente del Fiscal de Distrito, Daniel Sullivan e Isidore Dollinger, desde 1958 hasta 1962. Ese último año, se postuló en las primarias demócratas, para suceder a su padre a la posición de Asambleísta Estatal por el distrito número cuatro del Bronx y pese a la oposición de la maquinaria del partido salió victorioso. Resultó electo Asambleísta Estatal del 1963 al 1964. Entre sus esfuerzos legislativos, cabe destacar sus esfuerzos por eliminar el exámen de alfabetización que excluía a muchos electores del proceso electoral. También introdujo legislación para requerir que los oficiales de policía tomaran cursos diseñados para entender las necesidades de las minorías. En 1964, el candidato respaldado por la maquinaria del partido salió electo en votación cerrada terminando así su carrera de legislador. No obstante, Frank Torres continuó activo participando en las campañas electorales de otros candidatos puertorriqueños como Herman Badillo y Robert García.

State Assembly and became the only independent Bronx county candidate to win in that year's primary. He succeeded his father, Felipe N. Torres, in the fourth district in the Bronx. Once in the Assembly, Frank Torres introduced bills in the areas of education, social welfare, civil rights and labor. His strong support for a bill to eliminate the English literacy exam for voters stands out in his record. He also introduced legislation requiring law enforcement personnel to take special courses to cultivate a more sensitive posture toward the various minority groups with whom they interact. In 1964 he was defeated in his run for re-election, but he continued to work actively in the electoral campaigns of other Puerto Rican candidates such as Herman Badillo and Robert García.

In the years following his tenure in the State Legislature, Torres dedicated himself for a time to practicing law at the family law firm, Torres and Torres. Alongside his father and his brother Austin, he handled a wide range of civil, commercial, matrimonial and criminal matters. Torres thereafter worked as an administrator in the regional and area offices of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, leaving after fifteen years as the Director of Civil Rights and Equal Opportunities of the New York area office.

Torres' career as a judge began in 1980 when then Mayor Edward I. Koch appointed him a judge of the family court. From 1985-1986, he served as a judge in the criminal court of the City of New York. Having been appointed an Acting Supreme Court Justice in 1985, he then ran successfully for that position in the general election of November 3, 1987. In January 1988, he was sworn in as a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York for the Twelfth Judicial District.

Throughout his life and professional career, Torres has been committed to the idea that the presence of minorities in our society should be reflected in the composition of professionals in the law. In support of this idea, Torres consistently advocated the inclusion of minorities in all careers involving law in our society. The papers included in this collection richly document his activities and contributions to this end.

In 1958, Torres and his wife Yolanda Iola Márquez founded the Pamela C. Torres Day Care Center, named after a daughter who died of leukemia in infancy. The Center was created to provide day care services for the children of poor families in the Bronx. While serving as President of the Board of Directors, Torres oversaw the

Después de perder las elecciones de asambleísta se reincorporó a la práctica legal junto a su padre Felipe N. y su hermano Austin Torres. El bufete de los Torres representaba a sus clientes en las Cortes civil, de familia y en la criminal. Posteriormente, trabajó por quince años como Administrador en la Oficina Local y Regional de Nueva York del United States Department of Housing and Urban Development y por último como Director del Civil Rights and Equal Opportunities de la oficina de área de Nueva York.

Su carrera en la judicatura comenzó cuando el Alcalde Edward I. Koch lo nombró Juez en la Corte de Familia en 1980. Sirvió también en la Corte Criminal del Condado de Nueva York de 1985 al 1986. Ocupó la posición de Juez Interino de la Corte Suprema del Estado de Nueva York por el distrito del Bronx en 1985, cargo para el que fue electo el 3 de noviembre de 1987. Fue juramentado como Juez de la Corte Suprema del Duodécimo Distrito del Estado de Nueva York en enero de 1987.

A través de su vida y su carrera profesional, Torres ha sido firme creyente y ha abogado por la adecuada y justa representación de los grupos minoritarios en nuestra sociedad y en las profesiones en el campo legal. Sus documentos evidencian su compromiso a este fin.

En 1958, Frank Torres y su esposa Yolanda Iola Márquez fundaron el Pamela C. Torres Day Care Center, Inc., en memoria de su hija que murió de leucemia a temprana edad. El propósito de este centro era proveer cuidado de niños a familias minoritarias en el Bronx. Torres fungió como Presidente de la Junta de Directores de dicho centro. También trabajó como Agente Asociado de Apelaciones del gobierno para la junta número veinticinco del Servicio Selectivo del Bronx y como miembro del New York City Anti-Poverty Council, creado por el Alcalde John V. Lindsay. Formó parte de diversas agrupaciones legales y religiosas, entre las cuales están: Association of the Bar, Committee for Minorities in the Profession (Association of the Bar of the City of New York), American Bar Association, New York State Bar Association, Bronx Black Bar Association, Puerto Rican Bar Association, Hispanic National Bar Association, American Judges Association y el New York Archdiocese Advisory Council of Hispanic Pastoral Affairs.

Su interés por mejorar las condiciones de vida de las comunidades minoritarias lo llevó a participar en organizaciones tanto a nivel nacional como local: la

carrying out of the Center's mission, which was to provide day care services for the children of poor families in the Bronx. Under Mayor John Lindsay, Torres was a member of the New York City Anti-Poverty Council and was active in numerous other local and national organizations such as the New York Archdiocese Advisory Council of Hispanic Pastoral Affairs, the NAACP, the Urban League of New York, the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the Council on Adoptable Children, and the Puerto Rican Board of Guardians, among others. It should also be noted that his experience in community development included his participation in the establishment of the Ponce de Leon Federal Savings Bank, the first banking institution of the Hispanic population in New York City. He served as its first counsel.

As a leader and advocate in the legal profession and the judiciary, Torres was a member of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, the New York State Bar Association, the Bronx Black Bar Association, the Puerto Rican Bar Association, the Hispanic National Bar Association, and the American Judges Association. The documents in his collection give evidence of his consistent advocacy for greater inclusion of Hispanics in the judiciary, a topic about which he wrote and spoke frequently. Among his published articles are: "Sharing the Wealth: What Minorities Can Do to Help Themselves" (*Bar Leader*, 1989), "The Need for Hispanic Federal Judges" (*New York Law Journal*, 1990) and "Opening the Courthouse Door" (*New York Law Journal*, 1993)

In 1991, the National Bar Association honored Frank Torres with the Wiley T. Branton Award for "leadership on the cutting edge of law for civil, social, and economic justice." He was also awarded the Bartolomé de las Casas Award in 1990, named after a Dominican friar, who, while accompanying the first European invaders of this hemisphere, advocated through his writings and actions for the rights of the indigenous populations. The Torres family holds a special place in New York Puerto Rican history and was designated Model Family of the Year in 1983 by the *Desfile Puertorriqueño* on its 25th anniversary. The papers of Frank Torres fill an important gap in New York City history, particularly in politics and law. Related collections in the repository are the papers of Oscar García Rivera, the first Puerto Rican elected to public office in the U.S. and the papers of legislator and judge, Felipe N. Torres.

National Association for the Advancement of People of Color, la Urban League of New York, la National Conference of Christians and Jews, el Narcotic Treatment Center en el Sur del Bronx, Council on Adoptable Children, el Community Service Society, la Puerto Rican Board of Guardians y la Bronx Mental Hygiene Board. Además, fue co-fundador del Ponce de León Federal Savings Bank, el primer banco latino organizado en la Ciudad de Nueva York.

Una de las áreas en que ha escrito con frecuencia es sobre el tema de lograr una justa representación de las minorías en la rama judicial. Algunos de sus artículos en este campo son: "Sharing the Wealth: What Minorities Can Do to Help Themselves" (*Bar Leader*, 1989), "The Need for Hispanic Federal Judges" (*New York Law Journal*, 1990) y "Opening the Courthouse Door" (*New York Law Journal*, 1993).

El National Bar Association le otorgó a Frank Torres el premio Wiley T. Branton Award el 10 de octubre de 1991 por ser un abogado dedicado a lograr la igualdad y justicia. En 1990, recibió el premio Bartolomé de las Casas, honrando la memoria del prolífico fraile dominico que se destacó por la defensa de los aborígenes y por la denuncia de la explotación de que fueron víctimas de parte de los europeos. Además, la familia Torres fue galardonada por el Día del Desfile Puertorriqueño, Inc. en su veinticinco aniversario como la Familia Ejemplar del año 1983.

Los documentos de Frank Torres contribuyen a llenar un vacío en la historia de los puertorriqueños en la ciudad de Nueva York, en especial en la esfera política y legal. Su colección complementa los documentos de Oscar García Rivera, el primer puertorriqueño electo a un cargo público en Estados Unidos y los del legislador y juez, Felipe N. Torres.

Scope and Content:

The Frank Torres Papers document his contributions as well as those of other members of his distinguished New York “pioneer” family in the legal, political, and religious spheres and their overall service to the community. They are especially significant for understanding the groundbreaking role played by Frank Torres and his father, Felipe N. Torres in the judiciary. Among the prominent names appearing in the collection are his father, Felipe N. Torres, Congressmen Herman Badillo and Robert García, and former Archbishop of Puerto Rico Roberto O. González.

The bulk of the materials range from 1984-1998. They consist primarily of personal, judicial and administrative documents. Contained are letters, programs, legal briefs, minutes, essays and proposals for community projects, and newspaper clippings. The folders are arranged alphabetically with items in chronological order.

The collection is divided into the following series:

- I. Personal and Biographical Information**
- II. The Torres Family**
- III. Correspondence**
- IV. Writings**
- V. Judicial Functions**
- VI. Organizations**
- VII. Subject Files**
- VIII. Clippings**
- IX. Photographs**
- X. Artifacts**

Alcance y contenido:

La colección de Frank Torres documenta la contribución de este puertorriqueño y otros miembros de su destacada familia pionera en el ámbito legal, político, religioso y de servicio a la comunidad a todos los niveles. Algunas de las personalidades mencionadas en los documentos son: su padre Felipe N. Torres, los ex-congresistas Herman Badillo y Robert García y el arzobispo de Puerto Rico Roberto O. González.

La mayoría de los documentos corresponden a los años de 1984 al 1998. Los cartapacios están organizados en orden alfabético y los documentos en orden cronológico. Los documentos son de tipo personal, judicial y administrativo. Contiene cartas, programas de actividades, decisiones legales, recortes de periódicos, minutas, ensayos y propuestas para proyectos comunitarios.

La colección esta dividida en las siguientes series:

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- II. Familia Torres**
- III. Correspondencia**
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- VI. Organizaciones**
- VII. Archivo de temas**
- VIII. Recortes de periódicos**
- IX. Fotografías**
- X. Artefactos**

Access Points/ Términos clave:

Name/Nombres:

Torres, Felipe N.
Wagner, Robert F. (Robert Ferdinand) -- 1910-1991
Marino, Eugene A. Archbishop -- 1939-2000
Lindsay, John V. (John Vliet) -- 1921-2000
García, Robert -- 1933-
González, Roberto O. Archbishop
Quero Chiesa, Luis, 1911-
Ponce de Leon Federal Savings Bank
Puerto Rican Bar Association
Association of the Bar of the City of New York
Association of Hispanic Judges
Association of Latino Attorneys
Pamela C. Torres Daycare Center
Puerto Rican Community Development Project

Subject Topics/Temas:

Civil rights.
Criminal courts -- New York (State) -- Bronx County.
Criminal courts -- New York (State) -- New York.
Criminal justice, Administration of -- New York (State) -- Bronx County.
Criminal justice, Administration of -- New York (State) -- New York.
Hispanic American legislators.
Hispanic Americans -- Civil rights.
Hispanic Americans -- New York City (N.Y.).
Hispanic Americans -- New York City (State) -- New York.
Hispanic Americans -- Politics and government.
Judges -- New York (State) -- New York.
Legislators -- United States -- States.
Minorities -- Legal status, laws, etc. -- United States.
Minorities -- United States.
Puerto Ricans -- New York (State) -- New York -- Social conditions.
Political participation -- United States -- History 19th century.
Political participation -- United States.
Puerto Ricans in New York (City).
Puerto Ricans -- New York (State) -- New York.

Subject Places/ Materia de lugares:

Bronx (New York, N.Y.) -- Social conditions.
Bronx (New York, N.Y.) -- Politics and government.
New York (N.Y.) -- Politics and government.
New York (N.Y.) -- Social conditions.

Document Types/ Tipos de documentos:

Briefs (legal documents)/ Opinión (documentos legales)

Clippings/ Recortes de periódicos.

Correspondence/ Correspondencia.

Essays/ Ensayos.

Minutes/ Minuta.

Programs/ Programas.

Series I: Personal and Biographical Information (1958-1999)

This series contains his curriculum vitae, materials related to the public offices he held, campaign literature, questionnaires and applications for judgeships.

Serie I: Información biográfica y personal (1958-1999)

Esta serie contiene los siguientes documentos de Frank Torres: curriculum vitae, información sobre los diferentes cargos públicos que ejerció, información sobre sus campañas electorales para las posiciones de asambleísta y juez, cuestionarios y solicitudes para la judicatura.

Box Caja	Folder Cartapacio	
1	1	Application for Associate Judge of the Appellate Division, First Judicial Department, 1993
	2-3	Articles Related to Frank Torres, undated, 1959-1999
	4	Assemblyman Position, undated, 1962–1964
	5	Awards and Recognitions, undated, 1968–1999
	6	Biographical Information, undated, 1968–1998
	7	Business Cards, undated.
	8	Campaign and Election for Supreme Court of the 12 th Judicial District, undated, 1987
	9	Certificates, undated, 1976–1996
	2	1
2-3		Commission on Judicial Nomination, undated, 1983–1993
4		Committee for the Election of Judge Frank Torres, undated, 1962-1988
5		Committee on the Judiciary for Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, 1981-1983
6		Consideration for Appointment to Appellate Division, 1993–1994
7		Directory of Latino Attorneys and Law Graduates, 1984
8		Drawings, undated.
9		Electoral Campaign for Assembly, undated, 1962–1968
10		Financial Statements, 1977–1995
11		General Information, 1967–1984
3		1
	2	Identifications, undated, 1968–1981
	3	Indicator-Senior Book of Stuyvesant High School, 1945
	4	Induction Ceremony of the Honorable Frank Torres as Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, undated, 1987 – 1988
	5	Judgment and Federal Tax Lien, 1967
	6-7	Judicial Appointments, undated, 1967 – 1981
	8	Judicial Screening Committee, undated, 1984 – 1993
	4	1

- 2-3 Judiciary Reappointments, undated,1980-1985
- 4 Ledger Book, 1987
- 5 Leonscott Associates Trust Agreement, 1968 – 1979
- 6 Mailing Lists, undated.
- 7 Mayor’s Committee on the Judiciary-Questionnaire, 1967
- 8 Meetings and Activities, 1998
- 9 New York State Courts- Attorney Registration Forms, 1984
- 10 New York State Judicial Screening Committee, undated,1983 – 1993

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 - 1 New York State Judicial Screening Committee, 1994
 - 2 New York Telephone Company Against Frank Torres, 1967
 - 3 Nomination to Supreme Court XIIth District, undated,1983 – 1987
- 4-5 Notes, undated,1967 – 1998

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 - 1 Press Releases, undated,1967–1991
 - 2 Stationery, undated.
 - 3 Supreme Court Appellate Division, undated,1993–1994
 - 4 United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Job Related Information, 1968-1980
 - 5 Vehicle Identification Application, 1990

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 - 1 Citation to Frank Torres, A Member of the Bronx County Council of the State Commission Against Discrimination, 1958
 - 2 Diploma al mérito-Comité del Desfile de la Hispanidad, 1989, 1996
 - 3 Directions for Voting on the Voting Machine, undated.
 - 4 Mayor Robert F. Wagner Supports Frank Torres (political poster), n.d.
 - 5 State of New York-Governor’s Advisory Committee for Hispanic Affairs, Frank Torres (Poster with photograph), undated.

Series II: The Torres Family (1927-1998)

The documents in this series trace the individual and professional accomplishments of members of the Torres family. There are extensive files about Frank’s father, the eminent Felipe N. Torres, and Frank’s children Andrea Lynn, Analisa and Ramón. Also among the documents are materials about Eugene A. Marino, a cousin who was Archbishop of Atlanta Georgia in 1988. A family reunion in 1955 is well documented as is the twenty-fifth wedding anniversary of Frank and Yolanda Torres.

Serie II: Familia Torres (1927-1998)

Estos documentos nos permiten conocer los logros personales y profesionales de los diferentes miembros de la familia Torres. En especial, hay extenso material sobre su padre Felipe N. Torres y sobre sus hijos Andrea Lynn, Analisa y Ramón. Hay también documentos sobre su primo Eugene A. Marino quien fue arzobispo de Atlanta, Georgia en 1988. Incluye documentos sobre la reunión de la familia celebrada en el 1995 y un cartapacio de tarjetas de felicitaciones en el vigésimo-quinto aniversario de bodas de Frank y Yolanda Torres.

Box	Folder		
Caja	Cartapacio		
6	6	25 th Wedding Anniversary, undated, 1975	
	7	Colón, Juana Vicenta–Grandmother, 1989	
	8	Cousin’s News, undated, 1974–1975	
	9	Family Reunion, undated, 1975–1995	
	10	Family Video – Hispanic Experience, 1995	
	11	General, undated, 1927–1983	
	12-13	Marino, Eugene A. Archbishop, undated, 1962–1998	
	7	1	Medina García, Anita Teresa- Sister, undated, 1990–1992
		2	Medina, Flérida- Mother, 1943–1985
		3	Medina, William–Testament, 1977
4		Newspaper Clippings, undated, 1959–1994	
5		Torres, Alma, undated.	
6-7		Torres, Analisa, undated, 1967–1995	
8		Torres, Andrea Lynn, undated, 1957–1972	
9-10		Torres, Felipe N., undated, 1949–1989	
8	1-2	Torres, Felipe N., 1990-1998	
	3	Torres, Felipe N.-50 th Wedding-Anniversary 1981	
	4	Torres, Felipe N.-Award, 1995–1997	
	5	Torres, Felipe N.- Funeral Service Sign in Book, 1994	
	6	Torres, Inocencia Bello, undated, 1990	
	7	Torres, Lucas Felipe, undated.	
	8	Torres, Pedro Luis – Estate, undated, 1976–1980	
	9	Torres, Ramón, undated.	
	9	1-2	Torres, Ramón, 1959–1994
3		Torres, Yolanda M.–Wife, undated, 1962–1988	
OS	1	Award Presented to Felipe N. Torres by Los Vecinos de la Calle San Sebastián, 1992	
	2	Certificate of Admission to the New York Bar-Felipe N. Torres, 1927	
	3	Certificate of Participation Presented to Felipe N. Torres on: XIX Fiestas Calle San Sebastian by Comisión Puertorriqueña para la celebración del Quinto Centenario del Descubrimiento de América y Puerto Rico, 1992	
	4	State of New York-Governor’s Advisory Committee for Hispanic Affairs, Felipe N. Torres (Poster with photograph), undated.	

Series III: Correspondence (1957-2000)

There is incoming and outgoing correspondence in this series, but it mostly contains correspondence received by Frank Torres and a rich assortment of invitations and

Serie III: Correspondencia (1957-2000)

La correspondencia se divide en recibida y enviada. Hay un pie cúbico de las cartas recibidas por Frank Torres. Además hay invitaciones y cartas de felicitaciones de

cards from prominent individuals in the Latino community. Of special note is a letter from Bronx Borough President Fernando Ferrer congratulating Torres on a proposal called “A Bronx Clean-Up” which was later successfully implemented.

personalidades de la comunidad latina en Nueva York. Entre ellas encontramos una carta de Fernando Ferrer, presidente del Condado del Bronx (14 de julio de 1987) felicitando a Frank Torres por la propuesta del programa “A Bronx Clean-Up”.

Among outgoing correspondence are letters to judges and community letters asking for support of his candidacy for Supreme Court Justice. Included in them is a letter of October 18, 1967 to Joseph Monserrat, Director of the Migration Division of the Government of Puerto Rico.

En la correspondencia enviada incluye cartas a jueces y líderes comunitarios solicitándoles apoyo a su candidatura como juez. Entre ellas hay una carta dirigida a Joseph Monserrat, Director de la División de Migración (18 de octubre de 1967).

Box Caja	Folder Cartapacio	
9	4-5	Greeting Cards, undated, 1970–1994
	6	Greeting Cards to Yolanda Torres, undated.
10	1-2	Greeting Cards to Yolanda Torres, 1975-1978
	3-4	Incoming, undated, 1957–1982
11	1-5	Incoming, 1983–1993
12	1	Incoming, 1994-2000
	2	Invitations, undated, 1971–1996
	3	Memoranda-Incoming, 1971-1997
	4	Memoranda-Outgoing, 1975–1997
	5	Outgoing, undated, 1957-1986
13	1-2	Outgoing, undated, 1987–1999

Series IV: Writings (1984-1997)

Contained here are articles published in journals and newspapers, speeches and presentations, and other writings. Of note among his writings is the article “The Need For Hispanic Federal Judges” and “Opening the Courthouse Door” (*New York Law Journal*, 1993) where he protests discrimination against Latinos in the judicial system of New York. This is a recurrent theme in his papers.

Serie IV: Escritos (1984-1997)

Esta serie documenta sus escritos, discursos y presentaciones públicas. Sobresale entre sus escritos los artículos “The Need for Hispanic Federal Judges” (*New York Law Journal*, 1990) y “Opening the Courthouse Door” (*New York Law Journal*, 1993) en los que critica la discriminación contra los latinos en el sistema judicial de Nueva York.

Box Caja	Folder Cartapacio	
13	3	Articles by Frank Torres, undated, 1988–1995
	4-5	Presentations and Speeches, undated, 1984–1997
14	1	Writings by Frank Torres, undated, 1987–1991

Series V: Judicial Functions (1980-1997)

These documents reflect the diverse aspects of Frank Torres' work as a judge. Among them are samples of judicial decisions as well as information about civil ceremonies he performed.

Serie V: Funciones judiciales (1980-1997)

Estos documentos muestran las diversas facetas de trabajo de Frank Torres como juez. Entre ellos están las sentencias emitidas e información sobre las bodas civiles que ofició como Juez de Familia.

Box Caja	Folder Cartapacio	
14	2-3	Civil Weddings Performed, undated, 1980–1997
	4	Clayton Decisions, 1992
	5	Consolidations and Severance Decisions, 1993
	6	Constitutional Speedy Trial – Decisions, 1993–1994
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Contained in this series are materials about the organizations in which Torres actively participated, providing evidence of the issues that interested him and the causes he championed. Chief among these are organizations in the political and legal spheres. Represented are the Association of Hispanic Judges (Asociación de Jueces Hispanos), National Bar Association, Hispanic National Bar Association, Puerto Rican Bar Association and the Robert F. Wagner Association. There are documents relating to community organizations such as the Pamela C. Torres Day Care Center and the Puerto Rican Community Development Project and religious entities such as *el Comité de Nuestra Señora de la Providencia*.

Serie VI: Organizaciones (1957-1999)

Esta serie contiene documentos sobre las diferentes entidades en las que Frank Torres participó activamente. Predominan las entidades de tipo político y legal. Como ejemplo tenemos la Asociación de Jueces Hispanos, National Bar Association, Hispanic National Bar Association, Puerto Rican Bar Association y el Robert Wagner Association. Hay información sobre organizaciones comunitarias como el Pamela C. Torres Day Care Center y el Puerto Rican Community Development Project y religiosas como el Comité de Nuestra Señora de la Divina Providencia.

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The series contains articles related to topics such as politics, community affairs, and a number of court cases in which Torres was involved.

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This series contains several objects associated with Torres’ activities: a Puerto Rican flag, a banner of the Robert F. Wagner Association, Inc., a ceremonial ribbon, and a pair of spats for military boots worn by Felipe N. Torres when he was an officer in the United States Army in 1917.

Serie X: Artefactos (1962-1994)

Esta serie contiene los siguientes objetos: medallas religiosas y de mérito, cintas, prendedores, objetos religiosos, una pancarta del Robert F. Wagner Association, Inc., una banda ceremonial y las polainas militares de su padre Felipe N. Torres, cuando sirvió como oficial en el ejército norteamericano durante la Primera Guerra Mundial que terminó en 1917.

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