

# **DAWN BENNETT-ALEXANDER FILES, 1974-77**

## **Collection Type**

White House Office Files

## **Extent**

4.0 linear feet (ca. 8000 pages)

## **Record Type**

Textual

## **Access**

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## **Scope and Content Note**

Dawn D. Bennett-Alexander began working on the Domestic Council as Staff Assistant to Associate Director and Counsel Richard Parsons in March 1976 and continued in that post until the end of the Ford Administration. Appointed as an assistant in the general areas of justice, civil rights, and drugs, Bennett-Alexander's duties were greatly augmented with Kathleen Ryan's resignation in April 1976 and her subsequent assumption of Ryan's duties in the area of consumer affairs. Consumer related materials constitute more than half of Bennett-Alexander's files and include those she created as well as those she inherited from Ryan.

While Parsons as associate director coordinated policy development with other Domestic Council staff and acted as liaison with federal agencies within the subject area, Bennett-Alexander handled more routine matters. She answered correspondence and referrals, monitored legislation, and drafted issues statements in a variety of subject areas, such as justice, crime, civil rights, minority affairs, drugs, customs, busing, delinquency, gun control, illegal aliens, and privacy as well as consumer issues..

Materials include memoranda presenting alternatives and making recommendations with regard to proposed legislation or presidential actions; internal memoranda on Domestic Council matters; press releases and news items; bills, printed testimony and House reports; and correspondence. While most of these materials are copies or printed matter, there is considerable substantive material relating to the Consumer Protection Act of 1975 and President Ford's consumer representation plans. The latter provides a very complete record of the plans from their inception through the stages of their final drafts, including extensive testimony and agency correspondence. The materials in the General Subject File are of a more routine nature with the exception of those concerning privacy and illegal aliens, areas where Bennett-Alexander appears to have had more direct involvement.

**Related Materials** (April 1980)

Related information may be found in other Domestic Council collections, particularly those of Richard Parson, Kathleen Ryan and Pamela Needham. Another source for consumer materials are the files of Virginia Knauer, Special Assistant for Consumer Affairs.

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**Consumer Files, 1974-76.**

(Boxes 1-6, 2.4 linear feet)

Correspondence, memoranda, news items, reports, testimony, bills, statements, and printed materials received by Bennett-Alexander or her predecessor Kathleen Ryan, from federal agencies and the general public. The file contains information on the Consumer Advisory Council, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Office of Consumer Affairs, Consumer Protection Act of 1975, President Ford's Consumer Representation Plans and regulatory reform.

Arranged alphabetically by subject.

**Box 1 - Consumer Files**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Administrative Position Papers
OPEN	Agency Correspondence, A-Z (1)-(5)
OPEN	Budget Allocations
OPEN	Consumer Advisory Council (1)-(2)
OPEN	Consumer Correspondence/Referral (1)-(3)

**Box 2 - Consumer Files**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Consumer Product Safety Commission
OPEN	Consumer Product Safety Commission Act of 1976 (1)-(2)
OPEN	Consumer Protection Act of 1975 - Agency Input (1)-(2)
OPEN	Consumer Protection Act of 1975 - Analyses (1)-(3)

**Box 3 - Consumer Files**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Consumer Protection Act of 1975 - Analyses (4)
OPEN	Consumer Protection Act of 1975 - Legislative Action (1)-(2)
OPEN	Consumer Protection Act of 1975 - Presidential Veto
OPEN	Consumer Protection Act of 1975 - Public Opinion

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Consumer Representation Plans - Development of (1)-(4)

**Box 4 - Consumer Files**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Consumer Representation Plans - Development of (5)
OPEN	Consumer Representation Plans - White House Conference
OPEN	Consumer Representation Plans (Drafts), A-Ho

**Box 5 - Consumer Files**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Consumer Representation Plans (Drafts), Hp-Z
OPEN	Correspondence - General
OPEN	Legislation (1)-(2)
OPEN	Memoranda (1)-(4)

**Box 6 - Consumer Files**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	News Items (1)-(2)
OPEN	Office of Consumer Affairs (1)-(3)
OPEN	Press Releases (1)-(2)
OPEN	Publications (1)-(2)
OPEN	Regulatory Reform (1)-(2)
OPEN	Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals
OPEN	State and Local Programs

**General Subject File, 1975-76.**

(Boxes 7-10, 1.6 linear feet)

Reports, press releases, booklets, newspaper clippings, bills, statements, printed testimony, House reports, and other processed materials in addition to occasional memoranda, correspondence, draft messages, schedule proposals, talking points and other miscellaneous items relating to general subject areas. Most items are copies and printed matter, which reflect their apparent reference use. Substantive subjects include illegal aliens, privacy, Puerto Rico, criminal code amendments and crime. There are also a few administrative topics.

Arranged alphabetically by subject.

**Box 7 - General Subject File**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Administrative Position Papers
OPEN	Administrative Procedure Act
OPEN	Alcohol
OPEN	Bankruptcy Act Amendments
OPEN	Civil Rights (1)-(2)
OPEN	Crime
OPEN	Criminal Code Amendments (1)-(2)
OPEN	Drugs
OPEN	Equal Employment Opportunity Coordinating Council
OPEN	Equal Employment Opportunity Coordinating Council - Pension Discrimination

**Box 8 - General Subject File**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act
OPEN	Format Samples
OPEN	Gun Control
OPEN	Illegal Aliens (1)-(6)
OPEN	Immigration
OPEN	Indian Affairs
OPEN	Justice - Department of
OPEN	Memoranda

**Box 9 - General Subject File**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
OPEN	Navigable Water
OPEN	Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee
OPEN	Privacy (1)-(4)
OPEN	Privacy - Banking (1)-(3)

**Box 10 - General Subject File**

<b>Status</b>	<b>Title</b>
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OPEN	Puerto Rico Compact (1)-(2)
OPEN	Securities Protection
OPEN	Staff Meetings
OPEN	Treasury - Department of
OPEN	Women
OPEN	Young American Medals