



## **Garfinkel, Eric L.: Files, 1982-1983**

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### **Record Type**

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### **Biography**

## **Brief Biography**

Eric I. Garfield is an attorney, a beer brewer, a former Internet retailer of toys, and a former government official.

Eric Garfield was born in New York City on July 11, 1954. He graduated from the University of Maryland at College Park (B.A. 1976) and Emory University (J.D., 1979).

Garfinkel began his career as an associate with two law firms, Collier, Fall & Scott (1980) and deKleffer, Berg, Creskoff (1980-1981) before joining the federal government as an attorney with the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, 1981-1982. In July 1982, he joined the Reagan White House staff with the Office of Policy Development. He was the Deputy Assistant Director for Commerce and Trade, where he worked primarily on international trade issues.

Garfinkel left the White House in late 1983 to join the law firm of Anderson, Hibey, Nauheim, and Blair as associate and then a partner. He returned to public service when President George H.W. Bush nominated him for Assistant Secretary of Commerce (Import Administration) on March 9, 1989.

Garfinkel eventually returned to the United States Trade Representative's office as General Counsel.

In 1996, Eric Garfinkel and his wife, Diane, founded Back to Basics Toys. The company was an on-line and catalog retailer of "old-fashioned" toys. The company was bought by Amazon in 1999.

Garfinkel now resides in Boulder, Colorado where he and his son, Daniel, founded a craft beer brewery, Finkel & Graf Brewing Co.

## **Scope and Content Note**

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The Eric I. Garfinkel collection consists of a short series of chronological files containing correspondence, memorandums, notes, publications and reports given to Garfinkel as "action items." Nearly all of the material relates to international trade issues and United States trade policy. Since this was a single box of like folders (a "Chron" file), the Library has not assigned series to this collection.

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