

Uniform Commercial Code Records

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Summary Information

Repository	University of Pennsylvania: Biddle Law Library: American Law Institute Archives
Creator	American Law Institute
Creator	National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws
Title	Uniform Commercial Code Records
Call number	ALI.04.004
Date [inclusive]	1935-2003
Extent	53.5 linear feet
Language	English
Abstract	<p>The Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) was the result of a joint project between the American Law Institute (ALI) and the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Law (NCCUSL). Work on the UCC began in 1945 in response to a perceived need by members of both ALI and NCCUSL to consolidate a number of uniform laws, previously enacted by NCCUSL, related to commercial transactions. NCCUSL was established in 1891 for the purpose of codifying state law by creating uniform laws and model acts. ALI was founded in 1923 in response to a perceived uncertainty and complexity in American Law. The Institute had previously developed a codification of particular areas of the law, known as the Restatement of the Law. Thus, cooperation between ALI and NCCUSL on the UCC presented a likely partnership. The first version of the UCC was approved in 1951. Over the next few years, the states responded to, analyzed, and amended the UCC. In 1961, the Permanent</p>

Editorial Board was established to review and help revise the UCC on a continual basis in accordance with the evolving culture of commercial transactions. As a result, the revision of the Uniform Commercial is an ongoing cooperative project between ALI and NCCUSL. The collection, 1935-2003, include historical records, drafts, comments, correspondence, and other materials related to the creation of the Uniform Commercial Code, which consolidated and codified previous uniform laws related to commercial transaction.

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Biography/History

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The first version of the UCC was approved in 1952. Over the next few years, the states responded to, analyzed, and amended the UCC. In 1961, the Permanent Editorial Board was established to review and help revise the UCC on a continual basis in accordance with the evolving culture of commercial transactions. As a result, the revision of the Uniform Commercial is an ongoing cooperative project between ALI and NCCUSL. Revisions to the UCC began in 1967. Over the next 40 years, NCCUSL and ALI studied and revised various articles. UCC revision is an ongoing project that continues to this day.

Scope and Contents

The Uniform Commercial Code Records, 1935-2003, include historical records, drafts, comments, correspondence, and other materials related to the creation of the Uniform Commercial Code, which consolidated and codified previous uniform laws related to commercial transaction.

Arrangement note

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Access Restrictions

None.

Use Restrictions

The archives reserves the right to restrict access to materials of sensitive nature. Please contact the department for further information.

Immediate Source of Acquisition note

First shipment received from the American Law Institute in 1995.

Processing Information note

Preliminary container list prepared by Melissa Backes, 1995-2005.

Reprocessed by Jordon Steele, April 2008.

Encoded by Jordon Steele, April 2008.

As of April 2008, the Uniform Commercial Code is an ongoing project. Records will be processed as they become available.

Controlled Access Headings

CORPORATE NAME(S)

- Permanent Editorial Board for the Uniform Commercial Code

PERSONAL NAME(S)

- Lewis, William Draper, 1867-1949
- Schnader, William A. (William Abraham), 1886-1968

SUBJECT(S)

- Uniform commercial code

Other Finding Aids note

An item-level container list is available offline in spreadsheet form.

Collection Inventory

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BACKGROUND MATERIALS, 1935-1975. ABOUT 55 ITEMS.	1	1-55

Scope and Contents note

Articles, reports, letters, memoranda, agreements, and related materials regarding the circumstances under which the American Law Institute and the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Law agreed to work together on drafting the Uniform Commercial Code. Included is discussion among Karl Llewellyn, William Draper Lewis, William A. Schnader, and others regarding the creation of a Uniform Commercial Code.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS, 1939-1990.

Scope and Contents note

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MEETING RECORDS, 1941-1984.

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Scope and Contents note

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In 1962, the Permanent Editorial Board was formed to continually review and revise articles in the Uniform Commercial Code. The Board's first revision project was concerned with Article 9, Secured Transactions. The project was also considered part of the 1972 Amendments. Work on the project continued through 1972. The project included an assessment of Article 11, also called Effective Date and Transition Provisions. This series includes review committee records, drafts, comments, and other records related to the Article 9 Revision project.

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3-4-8 Committee of the Permanent Editorial Board, this project was eventually withdrawn and discontinued. It was alternately known as the New Payments Code and New Uniform Payments Code.

Related Archival Materials note

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Drafts, correspondence, Article 2 Ad Hoc Committee records, and other records related to the revision of Article 2, Sales. This project was based on recommendations provided by the Article 2 Study Group.

Related Archival Materials note

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Correspondence and other records related to a task force assigned to study Article 7, Documents of Title, which provided recommendations for the article's revision.

Related Archival Materials note

See also the "Amendments to Article 7" series.

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Scope and Contents note

Drafts, correspondence, minutes, and other records related to the drafting of Article 2B, Software Contracts and Licenses of Information. The article was eventually not incorporated into the Uniform Commercial Code. It was adopted by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform States Law as the .

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Scope and Contents note

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Scope and Contents note

Drafts, correspondence, and other records related to amendments proposed for Articles 2 and 2A, Sales and Leases. This project was formerly known as [New] Revised Articles 2 and 2A.

Related Archival Materials note

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Related Archival Materials note

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COMMENTS, 1941-1990.

Scope and Contents note

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Scope and Contents note		
<p>Correspondence, reports, and related materials regarding comments and responses by states to the Uniform Commercial Code. Despite their efforts to</p>		

bring uniformity to commercial law, ALI and NCCUSL found that states preferred to amend and adjust the code to suit their individual purposes.

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Minutes, drafts, reports, recommendations, correspondence, and related material regarding the activities of the Permanent Editorial Board, an organization established in 1961 by ALI and NCCUSL to analyze, revise, and update the Uniform Commercial Code on a continual basis.

Related Archival Materials note

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Published copies of various final versions of the Uniform Commercial Code and assorted published drafts.