

# **Committees**

**ALI.03**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	University of Pennsylvania: Biddle Law Library: American Law Institute Archives
<b>Creator</b>	American Law Institute
<b>Title</b>	Committees
<b>Call number</b>	ALI.03
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1922-2004
<b>Extent</b>	15 cubic feet
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	<p>The American Law Institute (ALI) was founded in 1923 in response to a perceived uncertainty and complexity in American law. Former Penn Law Dean William Draper Lewis was the Institute's first director, running the organization's operations out of his campus office. The ALI was conceived as a representative gathering of the American Bar (including Judges, Lawyers, and Law Professors) for the stated mission "to promote the clarification and simplification of the law and its better adaptation to social needs, to secure the better administration of justice and to encourage and carry on scholarly and scientific legal work." The collection, 1922-2004, includes minutes, correspondence, reports, and related records regarding the activity of the American Law Institute's Executive Committee, Finance and Development Committee, Investment Committee, and Membership Committee.</p>

**Cite as:**

[Identification of item], in the American Law Institute Committee Records, American Law Institute Archives Collection #29, Biddle Law Library, University of Pennsylvania Law School.

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## **Biography/History**

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## **Scope and Contents**

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## **Arrangement note**

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1. Executive Committee Records 2. Finance and Development Committee Records 3. Investment Committee Records 4. Membership Committee Records

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## **Administrative Information**

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### **Access Restrictions**

None.

### **Use Restrictions**

The archives reserves the right to restrict access to material 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.  
Processed and encoded by Jordon Steele, May 2008.

### **Existence and Location of Copies note**

Executive committee minutes are available as part of a digital collection. Visit the American Law Institute Archives homepage for more information.

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## **Other Finding Aids note**

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

## Collection Inventory

	Box	Folder
<b>001. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, 1922-2004.</b>	1-9	1-9
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	11	
Chiefly minutes, reports, correspondence and other records related to Executive Committee meetings.	12	
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<b>002. FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, 1966-1985. ABOUT 50 ITEMS.</b>	10	1-4
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	12	10-11
Correspondence, minutes, and related records.		
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<b>003. INVESTMENT COMMITTEE, 1956-1999.</b>	10	5-17
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	12	12-32
Correspondence, meeting records, and related records.	13	1-13
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<b>004. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE, 1943-1988.</b>	10	18-33
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	13	19-26
	14	1-6

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Reports, correspondence, and related records.

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	Box	Folder
<b>MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE, 1981-1984.</b>	13	14-18

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	Box	Folder
<b>NOMINATING COMMITTEE, 1979-1989.</b>	14	7-13

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	Box	Folder
<b>PROGRAM COMMITTEE, 1985-1992.</b>	14	14-21
	15	1-2

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	Box	Folder
<b>SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON BYLAWS AND COUNCIL RULES, 1993-1994.</b>	15	3-5

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	Box	Folder
<b>SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON INSTITUTE PROCEDURE, 1985.</b>	15	6-7

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**OTHER COMMITTEES, 1952-1994.**

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	Box	Folder
American Bar Association Special Committee on Recognition and Regulation, 1968.	15	8-9
American Law Network Subcommittee Meeting, 1988 May 17.	15	11
Advisory Committee Meeting on Monopoly, 1942.	15	12
Conflicts of Interest Committee, 1994.	15	13
Institute Size Committee, 1992-1993.	15	14
Meeting on Possible Antitrust and Patent Projects, 1952 October 23.	15	10
Model Penal Code Group Meeting, 1956 December 21.	15	15