

Executive Office

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Summary Information

Repository	University of Pennsylvania: Biddle Law Library: American Law Institute Archives
Creator	American Law Institute
Title	Executive Office
Call number	ALI.02
Date [inclusive]	1923-1999
Extent	55.25 linear feet
Language	English
Abstract	<p>The Executive Office of the American Law Institute (ALI) performs the organization's major administrative functions, including fundraising, negotiating publication of ALI materials, and coordinating ALI projects. With most of the Reporters located at institutions all over the world, the office also serves as the central depository for the collection of records related to ALI projects. The collection, 1923-1999, primarily includes letters written by and received from staff in the ALI's Executive Office, including the Director and Deputy Director. For more detailed information about the scope and content of this collection, please consult the individual series.</p>

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Biography/History

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Scope and Contents

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Arrangement note

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1. General Correspondence
2. Fundraising
3. Director's Office
4. Deputy Director's Office
5. Printing and Publication
6. Spanish Translation of First Restatement

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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

Processed by Melissa Backes, 1995-2005.

Portions reprocessed by Jordon Steele, 2007.

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Related Materials

Related Archival Materials note

For additional records related to ALI projects, please see the Restatements and Other Codification Projects Record Group, ALI.04.

Controlled Access Headings

PERSONAL NAME(S)

- Goodrich, Herbert F. (Herbert Funk), 1889-1962
- Hazard, Geoffrey C.
- Lewis, William Draper, 1867-1949
- Wechsler, Herbert, 1909-2000

SUBJECT(S)

- Corporate governance

Other Finding Aids note

A folder-level container list for parts of this collection is available offline in spreadsheet form. Contact the Archives for more information.

Collection Inventory

	Box	Folder
GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE, 1934-1985.	1	1-55
Scope and Contents note	2	1-44

Letters and related materials sent received by the American Law Institute.
Includes letters from Paul A. Wolkin.

Arrangement note

Primarily chronological by subject file.

	Box	Folder
FUNDRAISING, 1923-1985.	2	45-57
Scope and Contents note	3	1-28

Correspondence with the ALI's major funders, include the Carnegie Corporation, the Falk Foundation, the Rockefeller Foundation, the Ford Foundation, and the Mellon Trust Foundation.

DIRECTOR'S OFFICE, 1928-1999. 51 LINEAR FEET (ABOUT 6100 ITEMS).

	Box	Folder
WILLIAM DRAPER LEWIS FILES, 1928-1946. ABOUT 3000 ITEMS.	3	1-81
Scope and Contents note	4	1-70
	5	1-81

Letters and related materials compiled by William Draper Lewis as Director

of the American Law Institute. Correspondents include Learned Hand, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, the American Bar Association, George Wharton Pepper, Samuel Williston, Herbert F. Goodrich, William A. Schnader, and ALI Council members. Some of the letters are marked personal.

Related Archival Materials note

For a series of Lewis's personal correspondence, please see William Draper Lewis Personal Correspondence, MSS.002.

Biographical/Historical note

William Draper Lewis was born in Philadelphia in 1867. In 1891, he received both a law degree and a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Pennsylvania. In 1896, he joined the law department at the University of Pennsylvania as dean of the school and professor of law. Under Lewis' leadership the law school flourished as he recruited new faculty, broadened the curriculum, and strengthened the collections of the Biddle Law Library. In 1923, Lewis became the founding director of the American Law Institute (ALI). The ALI had been conceived by a committee of distinguished lawyers, judges, and legal scholars, known as "The Committee on the Establishment of a Permanent Organization for the Improvement of the Law." In addition to Lewis, this committee included Elihu Root, George Woodward Wickersham, Harlan Fiske Stone, and Benjamin Nathan Cardozo. Alarmed by growing dissatisfaction in the country over the administration of justice, the sponsors of the ALI hoped to establish a center for the improvement of the American law. Their particular goal was to combine the resources of all branches of the profession to produce a massive restatement of the common law, a critical summary and evaluation of the state of legal doctrine under different topical headings. Under Lewis' directorship the ALI completed the its first Restatement of the Law. Lewis served as director of the ALI until ill health forced his retirement in 1947. Lewis died in 1949.

	Box	Folder
HERBERT F. GOODRICH FILES, 1946-1962. ABOUT 2800 ITEMS.	5	82-85
Scope and Contents note	6	1-70
	7	1-44
Letters and related materials collected and created by Goodrich as Director of	8	1-5

the American Law Institute. Correspondents include John R. Ellingston, Warren A. Seavey, William A. Schnader, Louis B. Schwartz, Herbert Wechsler, and ALI Council members.

Biographical/Historical note

Herbert F. Goodrich was born in Anoka, Minnesota in 1889. He received his JD from Harvard Law School in 1914.

Goodrich taught at the University of Iowa, University of Michigan, and the University of Pennsylvania Law School, where he served as Dean from 1929 to 1940. Following his teaching career, Goodrich was appointed to the bench of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

Goodrich was Director of the American Law Institute from 1947 to 1962.

During his tenure, the ALI completed projects on the Uniform Commercial Code and the Model Penal Code, among others. Goodrich also chaired the Drafting Committee of the Uniform Commercial Code and was the Report for the Restatement of Conflicts.

Goodrich was still Director of the American Law Institute when died in 1962.

PRINTING AND PUBLICATION, 1935-1980.

Box	Folder
8	14-29

Scope and Contents note

Correspondence with publishers of ALI material, including West Publishing Company.

SPANISH TRANSLATION OF FIRST RESTATEMENT, 1940-1947.

Box	Folder
8	30-43
9	1-2

Scope and Contents note

Correspondence with entities interested in publishing a Spanish Translation of the First Restatement of the Law.

HEADQUARTERS FILES, 1980-1992.

Scope and Contents note

Files sent from the ALI Headquarters with no apparent department or officer of origin.

Related Archival Materials note

For files from the office of the Director, see the "Director's Office" series.

Box	Box
16	10-15

PRINCIPLES OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE FILES, 1980-1992.

Scope and Contents note

Correspondence, reports, drafts, and related materials regarding the Principle of Corporate Governance project and collected by the ALI headquarters.

Related Archival Materials note

For additional records related to the Principles of Corporate Governance project, see ALI.00.001 and ALI.04.023.