

# **Annual Meeting Records**

**ALI.09**

**Finding aid prepared by Jordon Steele.**

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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>	Annual Meeting Records
<b>Call number</b>	ALI.09
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1923-2005
<b>Extent</b>	18 linear 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." To that end, the ALI has held annual meetings since its inception to adopt its restatements and other codification projects, discuss drafts, analyze pending legislation and aspects of the law, set policy, and initialize new projects. The collection, 1923-1995, includes correspondence, addresses and remarks, reports on codification projects and other ALI-related activity, annual meeting programs, yearbooks, proceedings, and related records regarding activity at the ALI's annual meetings.</p>

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## **Biography/History**

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## **Scope and Contents**

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## **Arrangement note**

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### **Arrangement**

1. Correspondence
2. Addresses and Remarks
3. Reports

4. Programs and Yearbooks
5. Proceedings

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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.

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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>CORRESPONDENCE, 1941-1988.</b>	1	1-59
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	2	1-36
	3	1-24
Chiefly routine correspondence, including letters of acceptance and regret to annual meetings. This series also includes invitations, correspondence surrounding the planning of events held at the annual meetings, including luncheons and receptions. Also represented is correspondence in which participants discuss the proceedings of annual meetings.	15	1-2
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	Box	Folder
<b>COMMENTS, 1984-1987.</b>	3	25-32
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>		
Member comments submitted in advance of the annual meeting regarding ALI projects, including on topics concerning complex litigation, restitution, the Federal Securities Code, and Product and Process Injuries.		
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	Box	Folder
<b>REPORTS, 1935-2005.</b>	4-5	4-7
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	15	
Chiefly annual reports submitted to the ALI Council at the annual meeting. This series also includes special reports on the Youth Authority Program submitted by John Ellingston.		

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	Box	Folder
<b>PROGRAMS AND YEARBOOKS, 1941-2005.</b>	6	3

**Scope and Contents note**

Programs of the annual meeting, which include general information about panels, events, and other activities. Also in this series are yearbooks that include a list of ALI members for a particular year as well as committee rosters.

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	Box	Folder
<b>PROCEEDINGS, 1923-1983.</b>	7-12	1-4

**Scope and Contents note**

Bound volumes that summarize the activity of each annual meeting.

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	Box	Folder
<b>ADDRESSES AND REMARKS, 1923-1997 AND UNDATED.</b>	13	5-74

**Scope and Contents note**

Introductory addresses and prepared remarks delivered by people invited by the ALI to speak at the annual meetings. Speakers included William Draper Lewis, and Supreme Court Chief Justices Robert Jackson, Earl Warren, and Warren Burger.

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	Box	Folder
<b>ATTENDANCE ROSTERS, 1949-1950.</b>	14	16-17

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	Box	Folder
<b>OTHER MATERIALS, 1942-1985.</b>	14	18-26
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>		
Statistics, financial records, and other materials.		

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	Box	Folder
<b>ANNUAL MEETING FILES, 1989-1998.</b>	15	8-46
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	16-18	
Correspondence and related material that was organized chronologically by year of meeting.		