

# **Roswell B. Perkins President Files**

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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>	Perkins, Roswell B.
<b>Title</b>	Roswell B. Perkins President Files
<b>Call number</b>	ALI.00.001
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1983-1993
<b>Extent</b>	6.5 linear feet
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	<p>Roswell B. "Rod" Perkins was born in Boston, Massachusetts in 1926. He graduated from Harvard Law School in 1949. Perkins was President of the American Law Institute from 1980 to 1993 and served as Chair of the Council from 1993 to 2008. An expert in the field of corporate governance, Perkins played a major role in the drafting of the <i>Principles of Corporate Governance: Analysis and Recommendations</i>. The collection, 1983-1993, chiefly includes Perkins' files on the Principles of Corporate Governance project. This series also includes correspondence and subject files related to Perkins' activity as President of the American Law Institute.</p>

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## Biography/History

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Roswell B. "Rod" Perkins was born in Boston, Massachusetts in 1926. He graduated from Harvard Law School in 1949. Perkins practiced law in Boston, spending his entire career with the law firm of Debevoise, Plimpton, where he was made partner in 1957. Perkins was President of the American Law Institute from 1980 to 1993 and served as Chair of the Council from 1993 to 2008. An expert in the field of corporate governance, Perkins played a major role in the drafting of the *Principles of Corporate Governance: Analysis and Recommendations*.

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## Scope and Contents

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## Arrangement note

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1. Correspondence
  2. Principles of Corporate Governance
  3. Subject Files
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## Administrative Information

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### **Immediate Source of Acquisition note**

Received from the American Law Institute headquarters, circa 2000.

### **Processing Information note**

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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### **FORM/GENRE(S)**

- Drafts (documents)
- Minutes

### **PERSONAL NAME(S)**

- Casner, A. James, (Andrew James) 1907-1990

### **SUBJECT(S)**

- Corporate governance
- Torts

## Collection Inventory

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	Box	Folder
<b>1. CORRESPONDENCE, 1990-1992.</b>	1	1-2

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	Box	Folder
<b>2. PRINCIPLES OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE, 1983-1993.</b>	1	3-4
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	2-6	

Reports, correspondence, drafts and related material involving the Principles of Corporate Governance project. Perkins has filed most of his papers into the following sections: Part V, Part VI, and Part VII.

### **Related Archival Materials note**

For additional records on this project, see ALI.04.023.

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### **3. SUBJECT FILES, 1983-1992.**

#### **Arrangement note**

Alphabetical by file name.

	Box	Folder
<b>James A. Casner Reporter's Chair, 1991-1992.</b>	7	1

#### **Scope and Contents note**

Correspondence regarding an effort to endow a Reporter's chair in memory of A. James Casner.

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Program and Procedure Committees, 1983-1986.

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Restatement Third: Torts, 1991-1992.

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