

Annual Meeting Records

ALI.10

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Summary Information

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| Repository | University of Pennsylvania: Biddle Law Library: American Law Institute Archives |
| Creator | American Law Institute. |
| Title | Annual Meeting Records |
| Call number | ALI.10 |
| Date [inclusive] | 1923-1995 |
| Extent | 12.5 cubic feet (about 2200 items) |
| Language | English |
| Abstract | <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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Arrangement note

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3. Reports

4. Programs and Yearbooks
5. Proceedings

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.

Other Finding Aids note

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

Collection Inventory

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| CORRESPONDENCE, 1941-1988. ABOUT 2000 ITEMS.. | Box |
| | 1-3 |

Scope and Contents note

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.

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| ADDRESSES AND REMARKS, 1944, 1967-1985. 13 ITEMS. | Box | Folder |
| | 4 | 1-13 |

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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| REPORTS, 1935-1995. 66 ITEMS. | Box | Folder |
| | 4 | 14-67 |

Scope and Contents note

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.

PROGRAMS AND YEARBOOKS, 1941-1993. 59 ITEMS. Box
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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.

PROCEEDINGS, 1923-1983. ABOUT 75 ITEMS.. Box
7-13

Scope and Contents note

Bound volumes that summarize the activity of each annual meeting.