

# **Penn Law School Collection**

**BLL.002**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	University of Pennsylvania: Biddle Law Library: Law School Archives
<b>Creator</b>	University of Pennsylvania. Law School
<b>Title</b>	Penn Law School Collection
<b>Call number</b>	BLL.002
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1873-2010
<b>Extent</b>	3.75 linear feet
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	<p>The University of Pennsylvania Law School was founded in 1850 as the law department of the University of Pennsylvania. In fulfilling its core mission of providing legal education and scholarship, the school has hosted lecture series, symposiums, and other educational programs, and its students, faculty, and alumni have taken part in the activities of various academic legal societies. The school has undergone several renovations and construction projects over the years. In addition, the school has engaged in institutional development activities, including alumni relations and other promotional programs. Members of the school community have also taken part in a variety of extra-curricular activities and law school related social events. The Penn Law School Collection, 1890-2010, includes publications related to the law school's administration, student life, alumni activities, academic programs, departments, and history; promotional materials, invitations, and programs for events related to the law school; correspondence, minutes, and other material pertaining to the Penn Law School chapter of the Order of the Coif, an honorary legal society; and notes, correspondence, building plans, publications, and other</p>

material related to law school construction and renovations projects from the 1950s to the 1990s.

**Cite as:**

[Identification of item], in the Penn Law School Collection, BLL.002, Biddle Law Library, University of Pennsylvania Law School.

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## **Biography/History**

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The University of Pennsylvania Law School was founded in 1850 as the law department of the University of Pennsylvania. In fulfilling its core mission of providing legal education and scholarship, the school has, among other activities, hosted lecture series, symposiums, and other educational programs, and its students, faculty, and alumni have taken part in the activities of various academic legal societies. The school has undergone several renovations and construction projects over the years so as to expand the resources available to students and faculty. In addition, the school has engaged in institutional development activities, including alumni relations and other promotional programs. Members of the school community have also taken part in a variety of extra-curricular activities and law school related social events.

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## **Scope and Contents**

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The Penn Law School Collection, 1873-2010, includes publications and other materials related to the law school's administration, student life, alumni activities, academic programs, departments, and history; promotional materials, invitations, and programs for events related to the law school; correspondence, minutes, and other material pertaining to the Penn Law School chapter of the Order of the Coif, an honorary legal society; and notes, correspondence, building plans, publications, and other material related to law school construction and renovations projects from the 1950s to the 1990s.

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## **Arrangement note**

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1. Law School Admissions Tickets
2. Publications
3. Events and Programs
4. Order of the Coif
5. Building Renovation and Construction Projects
6. September 11 File
7. Penn Law School Histories
8. Other Materials

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## **Administrative Information**

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### **Access Restrictions**

The archives reserves the right to restrict access to materials of sensitive nature. Please contact the department for further information.

### **Use Restrictions**

Copyright is retained by the authors of items in these papers, or their descendants, as stipulated by United States copyright law.

### **Custodial History note**

Prior to their transfer to the archives, these records were created by and located in a variety of departments in the Law School, including Development and Alumni Relations, Communications, the Dean's Office, and student groups.

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

Records were transferred and collected by the Library and Archives at various points during the history of the Library.

### **Processing Information note**

Processed by Jeremiah Eagen, September-November 2010.

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## **Related Materials**

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## **Related Archival Materials note**

For the archives' photographic holdings, please consulting the Law School Photographs Collection, BLL.003.

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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### **CORPORATE NAME(S)**

- Law Alumni Society (University of Pennsylvania)
- Order of the coif

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

- Architectural drawings (visual works)
- Invitations
- Minutes
- Programs (documents)
- Publications

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

- Frankfurter, Felix, 1882-1965
- Roberts, Owen J. (Owen Josephus), 1875-1955
- Spaak, Paul-Henri, 1899-1972
- Wilson , James, 1742-1798

### **SUBJECT(S)**

- Buildings--design and construction
- Educational fund raising
- Law schools
- Lectures and lecturing
- Societies and clubs

- Students

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## **Other Finding Aids note**

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A container list that describes the collection at item level and folder level is available offline in spreadsheet form.

## Collection Inventory

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	Box	Folder
<b>LAW SCHOOL ADMISSIONS TICKETS, 1873, 1875.</b>	12	6

### Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Received from Leonard F. Markel, 1984 January 17.

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### **PUBLICATIONS, 1897-2008.**

#### Scope and Contents note

Publications related to the University of Pennsylvania Law School, including alumni journals, reports of the dean, faculty handbooks and guides, students handbooks and facebook, law school bulletins, student publications, registration booklets, alumni giving reports, and publications related to the Law School's history, its departments, programs, and institutes, as well as other material.

	Box	Folder
<b>LAW ALUMNI NEWS, 1956-1961.</b>	1	1

#### Scope and Contents note

Subseries is missing Vol. 2, no. 2 (1957); Vol. 3, no. 2 (1957); Vol. 3, no. 3 (1959); Vol. 4, no. 1 (1959); Vol 4, no. 3 (1960); Vol. 5, no. 3 (1961); Vol. 6 (1961?-1962?); Vol. 7, no. 2 (1963?); Vol. 7, no. 3 (1963?); Vol. 8 (1963?-1964?); Vol. 9 (1964?-1965?).

This publication was discontinued after Volume 9. A new publication, the Law Alumni Journal, took its place as the Law School's alumni newsletter.

	Box	Folder
<b>LAW ALUMNI JOURNAL, 1966-1989.</b>	1	2-9



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**Scope and Contents note**

Subseries is missing Vol. 1, no. 1 (1965?); Vol. 3, no. 3 (1968); Vol. 5, no. 5 (1970); Vol. 6, no. 3 (1971); Vol. 7, no. 1 (1971); Vol. 9, no. 1 (1973); Vol. 9, no. 3 (1974); Vol. 10, no. 3 (1975); Vol. 11, No. 2 (1976?); Vol. 11, no. 3 (1976?); Vol. 12 (1976-1977?); Vol. 13 (1977-1978?); Vol. 16, no. 2 (1981?); Vol. 16, no. 3 (1981); Vol. 17, no. 1 (1981); Vol. 19 (1983?-1984?); Vol. 20 (1984?-1985?); Vol. 21 (1985?-1986?); Vol. 22 (1986?-1987?); Vol. 23 (1987?-1988?); Vol. 24, no. 1 (1988?); Vol. 24, no. 2 (1989?); Vol. 25 (1989?-1990).

The name of this title was changed from the Law Alumni Journal to the Penn Law Journal beginning with Vol. 26, no. 1, the January 1991 issue.

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**PENN LAW JOURNAL, 1996-2003.****Scope and Contents note**

The title of this publication was changed from the Law Alumni Journal to the Penn Law Journal beginning with Volume 26.

Subseries is missing Vol. 26 (1991); Vol. 27 (1992); Vol. 28 (1993); Vol. 29 (1994); Vol. 30 (1995?); Vol. 31, no. 1 (1995); Vol. 32 (1996?-1997?); Vol. 33 (1998); Vol. 39 (2004); Vol. 40. (2005); Vol. 41 (2006); Vol. 42 (2007); Vol. 43 (2008); Vol. 44 (2009).

Note that both issues of Volume 37 appear to have been mislabeled on their covers as Volume 35.

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**REPORT OF THE DEAN, 1952-1977.**

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**FACULTY HANDBOOK, 1974-1991.**

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**FACULTY GUIDE, 2002?, 2003?.**

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**STUDENT HANDBOOKS, 1952-2002.**

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**STUDENT FACEBOOKS, 1984-2005.**

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**LAW SCHOOL BULLETINS, 1934-1992.**

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**Scope and Contents note**

Booklets containing information about the University of Pennsylvania Law School. Include academic calendars, information regarding staff, the law school and its programs, admissions, financial obligations and assistance, curriculum requirements, course descriptions, student life, student and alumni organizations and programs, a list of contact information, and other material. Subseries includes issues for 1934-1935, 1945-1946, 1946-1947, 1947-1948, 1948-1949, 1949-1950, 1950-1951, 1951-1952, 1952-1953, 1959-1960, 1960-1961, 1961-1963, 1963-1965, 1965-1967, 1967-1969, 1983-1984, 1984-1986, 1987-1989, 1990-1992 to 1990-92.

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**THE PENN LAW FORUM, 1982-2002.**

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**ALUMNI ANNUAL GIVING REPORT, 1967-1992.**

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**REGISTRATION BOOKLET, 1985-2005.**

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**OTHER PUBLICATIONS, 1890-2008.**

6 16-38

7 1-2,13-14

**Scope and Contents note**

Includes publications related to the Law School's history, departments, and programs, as well as an alumni directory, student publications, University publications related to the Law School, annual reports for Law School's Institute for Law and Economics, and a pamphlet written by a former dean of the Law School.

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**EVENTS AND PROGRAMS, 1920-2000.**

**Scope and Contents note**

Programs, invitations, correspondence, promotional material, and other material for programs and events related to the University of Pennsylvania Law School, including commencement, alumni functions, lecture series, conferences, musical productions, banquets, and other social events.

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**COMMENCEMENT PROGRAMS, 1902-2010.**

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**ALUMNI SOCIETY, 1904-2001.**

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**JAMES WILSON LAW CLUB ALUMNI BANQUET PROGRAMS, 1941-1970.**

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**Scope and Contents note**

Alumni Banquet programs for the James Wilson Law Club, an organization founded at the University of Pennsylvania Law School to honor James Wilson, a signatory to the United States Declaration of Independence, original member of the United States Supreme Court, and legal scholar.

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**OWEN J. ROBERTS LECTURE SERIES, 1957-2003.**

8 7-9

**Scope and Contents note**

Invitations, programs, correspondence, and other material related to the Owen J. Roberts Memorial Lecture Series, an annual scholarly lecture held in honor of the late Owen J. Roberts, a former dean of the Law School and Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

Includes correspondence from Elie Roberts, Justice Roberts' widow; Felix Frankfurter, former Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court; Arthur Lehman Goodhart, a noted British legal scholar; and Paul Henri Spaak, former Prime Minister of Belgium and Secretary General of NATO.

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**STUDENT MUSICAL PROGRAMS, 1973-1983.**

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**Scope and Contents note**

Programs for musical concerts and productions staged by Law School student music groups, including the Law School Light Opera Company, a choristers group, and several instrumental ensembles.

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**OTHER EVENT AND PROGRAM MATERIALS, 1952-2000s.**

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**Scope and Contents note**

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Programs, fliers, invitations, and other material for symposiums, lectures, conferences, moot court events, and social events related to the Law School.

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**ORDER OF THE COIF, 1913-1973.****Scope and Contents note**

Correspondence, minutes, membership certificates, a member roster, and other material related to the University of Pennsylvania Law School's Chapter of the Order of the Coif, an honorary legal society for members of the legal community who graduated in the top ten percent of their law school class.

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**CORRESPONDENCE, INVOICES, AND NOTES, 1953-1963.**

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**MINUTES, 1913-1959.**

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**MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES, 1973.**

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**"MEMBERS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER OF THE ORDER OF THE COIF", 1932.**

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**BUILDING RENOVATION AND CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS, 1900-1990s.**

**Scope and Contents note**

Notes, correspondence, meeting minutes, memoranda, floor plans, architectural plans, events programs, publications, and other material related to Law School construction and renovation projects in the 1950s, 1960s, 1980s, and 1990s.

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**1950s PROJECTS, 1950s.**

**Scope and Contents note**

Notes, meeting minutes, correspondence, memoranda, floor plans, and other material related to a proposed addition to Biddle Law Library in the late 1950s.

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**1960s PROJECTS, 1960-1969.**

**Scope and Contents note**

Notes, correspondence, memoranda, floor plans, product catalogs, event programs, publications, and other material related to the Biddle Law Library construction and other renovation projects in the 1960s.

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**1980s PROJECTS, 1983-1989.**

**Scope and Contents note**

Correspondence, memoranda, and development plans related to Law School construction projects, including the Biddle Law Library renovation, in the 1980s.

This subseries also includes a computer drawing of Lewis Hall, given to the Law School in 1989. More information about its provenance is included in the folder.

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**1990s PROJECTS, 1990s.**

**Scope and Contents note**

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Memoranda, architectural plans, event materials and programs, publications, and other material related to Law School construction and the dedication of Tanenbaum Hall in the 1990s.

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<b>LEWIS HALL DEDICATION AND REDEDICATION, 1900 AND 1996.</b>	11	15

**Scope and Contents note**

Proceedings and programs from the dedication of Lewis Hall in 1900 and its rededication in 1996.

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	Box	Folder
<b>SEPTEMBER 11 FILE, 2001.</b>	12	1

**Scope and Contents note**

Articles, clippings, commentary, website print-outs, and related material collected in relation to the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks and the event's relationship to Penn Law School.

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**PENN LAW SCHOOL HISTORIES.**

**Scope and Contents note**

Published and unpublished articles, manuscripts and honors theses about the history of Penn Law School.

The Archives also maintains a copy of an unpublished manuscript about the history of the Law School. Please contact the Archives for more information.

	Box	Folder
"Preliminary Report to Vice-Dean Beck on the History of the Law School of the University of Pennsylvania" by Mark F. Lloyd, 1978 June 28.	12	2

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"Interim Report to Vice-Dean Beck and Professor Arnold on the History of the Law School of the University of Pennsylvania" by Mark F. Lloyd, 1978 Aug 31.	12	3
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"Nineteenth-century Legal Education in Philadelphia: Essays Exploring the Founding and Development of the Law School of the University of Pennsylvania" by Jonathan Stuart Bennett, 1990 April.	12	4
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**Scope and Contents note**

Photocopy of a senior honors thesis.

"William Draper Lewis and the Development of a Modern Law School at the University of Pennsylvania" by Adam Jonathan Heft, 1993 April 2.	12	5
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**Scope and Contents note**

Photocopy of a senior honors thesis.

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**OTHER MATERIALS, 1946-2000s.**

		Oversize
Constitution of the William Draper Lewis Law Club of the University of Pennsylvania, 1946.		1

**Immediate Source of Acquisition note**

Gift of Lisa Cleary, April 2010.

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Committee on Student/Faculty Relations Student Questionnaire and Results, 1981 October 20.	12	9

Penn Law Review Announcement of New Associate Editors, 1981 October 1.	12	10
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Holiday Card, circa 2000.

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