

# Founding of The American Law Institute

In the early 1920s, a group of prominent judicial leaders and law professors formed "The Committee on the Establishment of a Representative Organization for the Improvement of the Law." Within three years, George Washington and William Duggan joined the Committee together with the members of the legal profession for the first time. The Committee's mission was to "study the present state of the law, to determine its deficiencies, and to propose a plan for its improvement."

Based on the recommendations of the Committee, The American Law Institute was incorporated in 1923. That year, work began on the Restatement of Law, covering the subjects of Agency, Conflict of Laws, Contracts, and Torts. Additional early Restatements of Law included: Unincorporated Associations, Charles Evans Hughes, Learned Hand, and Benjamin Cardozo. All have to look around meeting in February 1923.



According to the Committee, the first Restatement was published in 1926. It is a landmark in the history of the law, and its publication was a significant step in the development of the law.

In order to carry out its mission, the Committee organized the Institute of Law and Religion, which is now the American Law Institute. The Institute's work is to study the present state of the law, to determine its deficiencies, and to propose a plan for its improvement. The Institute's work is to study the present state of the law, to determine its deficiencies, and to propose a plan for its improvement.

*"We speak of the work which the organization should undertake as a restatement, its object should not only be to help make certain much that is now uncertain and to simplify unnecessary complexities, but also to promote those changes which will tend better to adapt the laws to the needs of life."*

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A light-colored wooden table with a curved edge, supported by metal legs. On the table are several informational items:

- A stack of white brochures on the left.
- A blue brochure with a white arrow pointing up.
- A black and white photograph of a group of people.
- A large black brochure with white text and a yellow graphic.
- A white brochure with a black header and a logo.
- Several small black circular items, possibly coasters or buttons.