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Some general background on the Uniform Law Commission:

The Uniform Law Commission (ULC), also known as the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (NCCUSL), is a nonprofit state governmental association tasked (and funded) by the states to draft and implement uniform and model laws. Each state and territory appoints its own Uniform Law Commission, and the ULC is the national conference of those commissions.

Since its founding in 1892, the ULC has drafted over 300 different state statutes for consideration and adoption by the states. Some of the more well-known ULC products include the Uniform Commercial Code (UCC), the Uniform Probate Code (UPC), and the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act (UIFSA), but we work in a wide variety of subject matter areas, from health law (The Uniform Anatomical Gift Act), to environmental statutes (The Uniform Environmental Covenants Act), to professional licensing statutes (the Uniform Athlete Agents Act).

The ULC is **not** an interest group. All of our commissioners are state appointees, and none are compensated for their service. All commissioners must be attorneys, and our state commissions are generally made up of state legislators, state and federal judges, law professors, private practitioners, and legislative drafting agency attorneys. Our development process is both deliberative and open – it typically takes us 3 years to complete a project, and we actively seek to include representatives of all interested groups in our drafting meetings.

The American Bar Association plays a significant role in the development of ULC acts. Every ULC project has at least one ABA advisor (frequently there are several ABA section advisors as well) and we submit our uniform acts to the ABA House of Delegates for approval. We benefit from the substantive input and expertise of the ABA sections. We also work closely with state bar associations on many of our acts, usually after promulgation, to ensure that our acts are well-understood and tailored to state needs prior to legislative introduction. It is in that connection that I appear before you today.

Key areas of state bar action with regard to ULC acts:

While every state is different, and not all ULC acts will need significant substantive state bar review prior to legislative introduction, over the years we have discovered that with respect to several important areas the participation of state bar committees is very helpful (if not necessary) prior to legislative introduction. Below are some of the subject matter areas that are regularly reviewed by state bar committees, the relevant ULC staff attorney contact information for that area, and a brief list of acts in that area that are likely to see significant legislative activity in 2009. I will distribute a state-specific legislative plans list separately.

Real Property Acts – ULC Contact: Kieran Marion (312/450-6621; kieran.marion@nccusl.org)

- Uniform Common Interest Ownership Act
- Uniform Environmental Covenants Act
- Uniform Real Property Electronic Recording Act

Foreign Recognition Acts – ULC Contact: Kieran Marion

- Uniform Unsworn Foreign Declarations Act
- Uniform Foreign-Country Money Judgments Recognition Act

Investment Allocation Acts – ULC Contact: Kieran Marion

- Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act
- Amendments to the Uniform Principal and Income Act

Family and Elder Law Acts – ULC Contact: Eric Fish (312/450-6619; eric.fish@nccusl.org)

- Uniform Adult Guardianship and Protective Proceedings Jurisdiction Act
- Uniform Power of Attorney Act
- Uniform Child Abduction Prevention Act
- Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act
- Uniform Parentage Act

Procedure and Evidence Acts – ULC Contact: Eric Fish

- Uniform Interstate Depositions and Discovery Act
- Electronic Discovery Rules

U.C.C. – ULC Contact: Michael Kerr (312/450-6620; michael.kerr@nccusl.org)

- Revised UCC Article 1 (definitions & general provisions)
- Revised UCC Articles 3/4 (negotiable instruments)
- Revised UCC Article 7 (warehouse receipts and documents of title)

Probate, Trusts, and Estates Acts – ULC Contact: Michael Kerr

- Uniform Probate Code
- Uniform Trust Code
- Uniform International Wills Act

Business Entity Statutes – ULC Contact: Nicole Julal (312/450-6618; nicole.julal@nccusl.org)

- Revised Uniform Limited Liability Company Act
- Uniform Limited Cooperative Association Act
- Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act
- Revised Uniform Partnership Act
- Revised Uniform Unincorporated Nonprofit Associations Act

Alternative Dispute Resolution Acts – ULC Contact: Nicole Julal

- Revised Uniform Arbitration Act
- Uniform Mediation Act

Other Acts (ULC Contact varies)

- Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act -- ULC Contact: Nicole Julal
- Uniform Debt Management Services Act -- ULC Contacts: Nicole Julal and Michael Kerr
- Uniform Emergency Volunteer Health Practitioners Act -- ULC Contact: Eric Fish
- Uniform Securities Act -- ULC Contacts: Kieran Marion and Nicole Julal

Thank you for the opportunity to address the NABE Government Relations Section. I look forward to working with your respective bar associations in the coming year, and will be happy to answer any questions. In closing, here are some web-based resources that may be of use if you have questions about our acts or the ULC development process:

ULC Main Site: www.nccusl.org

Scope and Program (new project suggestions):

<http://nccusl.org/Update/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabindex=3&tabid=42>

ULC Archive site at UPenn (all final acts and pending drafts):

<http://www.law.upenn.edu/bll/archives/ulc/ulc.htm>

Act-specific sites:

[Uniform Trust Code Project](#)

[Uniform Environmental Covenants Act](#)

[Drafting Committee on Revisions to the Limited Liability Company Act](#)

[Uniform Emergency Volunteer Health Practitioners Act](#)

[Uniform Anatomical Gift Act](#)

[Uniform Real Property Electronic Recording Act](#)

[Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act](#)