

Current ULC Drafting and Study Committee Projects
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DRAFTING COMMITTEES

Uniform Law Commission (ULC) drafting committees consist of a chair, several ULC commissioners from various states, and a reporter (usually a law professor with expertise in the subject matter). Every ULC drafting committee is also assigned an ABA advisor, who represents the ABA as a whole, and frequently one or more ABA section advisors, who represent particular ABA entities. Other interested groups are also invited to send representatives, known as ‘observers’. ULC drafting meetings are open to the public, everyone at a drafting meeting is encouraged to participate fully in the discussion, and all of our drafts are available on the internet (www.nccusl.org). ULC drafting committees typically meet three times a year (two substantive drafting committee meetings and a presentation of the draft for line-by-line reading and debate at the ULC Annual Meeting) for at least two years.

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The purpose of this committee is to draft common provisions of business organization law such as definitions; the mechanics of filings; names of entities, registered agents and registered offices; qualification of foreign entities; and administrative powers of the Secretary of State; and incorporate Model Entity Transactions Act provisions on merger, interest exchanges, conversions, domestications and divisions.

Drafting Committee on a Certificate of Title Act for Boats

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This committee will draft an act establishing a certificate of title system for boats. Many states do not have certificate of title laws governing watercraft, and those that do have considerable differences in terms. The committee will coordinate its work with the United States Coast Guard and developments concerning the Coast Guard’s vessel identification and documentation systems.

Drafting Committee on a Collaborative Law Act

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This committee will draft an act on collaborative law, a new kind of alternative dispute resolution framework used in many states today, particularly in a family law context, i.e., divorce, custody, and support proceedings. The core idea is that lawyers (and parties) to a dispute agree in advance that the lawyers will withdraw if the dispute goes to trial. The committee will also consider whether the act should be limited to family law cases or expanded to other areas of the law such as estate planning.

Drafting Committee on a Uniform Act on the Collateral Consequences of Conviction

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This committee is drafting a statute addressing the various penalties and disqualifications that individuals face incidental to criminal sentencing, including disqualification from voting, prohibitions from running for office, exclusion from certain types of employment, etc. The act is intended to be narrow in scope, applying only to the procedures surrounding collateral sanctions, not defining or limiting what those sanctions are.

Drafting Committee on Electronic Recordation of Custodial Interrogations

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This committee will draft an act addressing the issue of the use of audio and/or video electronic devices to record law enforcement officers' interviews of criminal suspects who are in custody.

Drafting Committee on the Hague Convention on Choice of Court Agreements

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This drafting committee, at the request of the U.S. State Department, will draft uniform state legislation and appropriate declarations and understandings to assist in the implementation and ratification of the Hague Convention on Choice of Court Agreements.

Drafting Committee on Insurable Interests Relating to Trusts Act

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This committee will draft an act to address concerns regarding the purchase of life insurance trusts by trustees as it relates to insurable interest law. Life insurance trusts are a standard estate planning tool because proceeds of an irrevocable life insurance trust are not subject to estate taxes. Recent case law has raised the possible need for uniform law on insurable interests. The scope of the project is narrow and might be drafted within the Uniform Trust Code or as a free-standing act.

Drafting Committee on a Genetic Information in Employment and Insurance Act

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This committee will draft uniform or model legislation on the misuse of genetic information in the context of employment and health insurance.

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This joint ALI/ULC committee will draft specific revisions of UCC Article 9 to address specific issues that a study committee has already identified as needing statutory revision. The issues that the committee will address are those as to which ambiguities have been discovered in existing statutory language, where there have been substantial problems in practice in applying current statutory provisions, or as to which there have been significant judicial decisions or non-uniform amendments that suggest the need to consider statutory revisions.

Drafting Committee to Revise the Model State Administrative Procedure Act

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This committee is revising the 1980 Model State Administrative Procedures Act, which provided procedures for promulgating administrative regulations and for adjudicating disputes before administrative bodies. A revision is necessary to update the act to recognize electronic communications and other state procedural innovations since the act was originally promulgated.

Drafting Committee to Revise the Uniform Law on Notarial Acts

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The purpose of this drafting committee is to revise the 1982 Uniform Law on Notarial Acts. The charge is limited to drafting revisions with respect to notary responsibilities, electronic recording, interstate recognition, and remedies.

Drafting Committee on a Presidential Electors Act

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This committee will draft an act providing a state statutory remedy in the event a state presidential elector fails to vote in accordance with the voters of his or her state.

Drafting Committee on a Record Owners of Business Act

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This committee will draft an act to conform uniform entity laws, including the Uniform Partnership Act (1997), Uniform Limited Partnership Act (2001), Uniform Limited Liability Act (2006) and the Uniform Unincorporated Nonprofit Association Act (1996), to address the availability of information regarding the owners of entities established under state law. The act would help address some national security concerns relating to companies operating for the purpose of organized crime, terrorist financing, securities fraud, tax evasion and other misconduct, while at the same time balancing important privacy concerns.

Drafting Committee on the Regulation of Charities

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This committee will draft an act to address the state regulation of charities. The committee will focus on state attorneys general authority with regard to the protection of charitable assets, notice requirements, remedies, and principles to guide attorneys general in interstate and multi-state cases.

Drafting Committee on a Real Property Transfer on Death Act

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This committee will draft an act that will permit real property to be transferred outside of probate upon death by beneficiary designation, similar to current beneficiary designations now used on securities accounts. At least eight states now permit this kind of real estate transfer on death.

Drafting Committee on a Uniform Statutory Trust Entity Act

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The business trust format – often used in mutual funds, ERISA pension funds, and various types of regulatory compliance trusts – is increasingly used as an alternative to other business entities such as a corporation and limited partnership. Business trusts are special purpose vehicles, the closest equivalent being limited partnerships. Although there are few business trusts compared to other types of business forms, trillions of dollars of assets are invested in this business format. This committee is drafting an act that will apply to business trusts and other analogous statutory trusts. It will not apply to the kind of trusts used in estate planning.

Drafting Committee on a Partition of Tenancy in Common Real Property Act

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The purpose of this committee is to draft a uniform act that will address the issue of tenancy-in-common land ownership. Tenancy in common is a type of joint ownership without right of survivorship. When there is no right of survivorship, the death of a tenant in common can trigger an action to partition the land to satisfy the deceased tenant's heirs. In a partition, the land is sold to satisfy tenant in common interests, often in a sale that does not meet market value. This committee will draft a new law to protect vulnerable landowners by providing a buy-out option; balancing factors for judges on partition of real property; sale price minimums if dispossession occurs; and a waiting period of up to three years for strangers to title.

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This committee will draft an act on the relocation of children from one jurisdiction to another in the context of custody disputes. Relocation involves a parent who wants to move with a child over the objections of the other parent; it is one of the fastest-growing kinds of custody litigation in the country.

OTHER PROJECTS

Committee to Implement the UN E-Commerce Convention

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The E-Commerce Convention impacts the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act and the federal E-Sign legislation. This committee will recommend the most appropriate methods for implementing the Convention, including whether any federal or uniform state legislation is necessary, and then will work with the United States Departments of State and Commerce, and other interested entities, in preparing any necessary uniform state or federal legislation and in seeking to obtain United States Senate advice and consent to the Convention.

Joint Drafting Committee for Implementation of the UN Convention on Independent Guarantees and Stand-by Letters of Credit

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This committee will work with the American Law Institute, the Uniform Law Conference of Canada and the Mexican Center for Uniform Laws to draft language to implement the UN Convention on Independent Guarantees and Stand-by Letters of Credit, and to assist Canada in developing letter-of-credit law consistent with UCC Article 5. The Convention is designed to facilitate the use of independent guarantees and stand-by letters of credit, in particular where only one or the other of these instruments may be traditionally in use.

Committee on the Hague Securities Convention

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This committee will work with the U.S. Department of State to assist in the implementation and ratification of the Hague Convention on Securities Held by Intermediaries and to ensure proper interface between the provisions of the Convention and of Articles 8 and 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code.

STUDY COMMITTEES

ULC Study Committees review an assigned area of law in light of defined criteria and recommend whether ULC should proceed with a draft on that subject. Study Committees typically do not meet in-person, so typically ABA advisors are not appointed at this stage. Input from ABA members and others is highly valued, however; please forward any comments or suggestions to the respective chairs.

Study Committee on Administrative Procedures for Interstate Compact Entities

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This committee will study administrative procedures for interstate compact entities governed by state, rather than federal law, upon completion of its ongoing project to revise the Model State Administrative Procedures Act.

Study Committee on Authentication of Online State Legal Materials

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This committee will investigate the need for and feasibility of drafting and enacting uniform state legislation providing for the authentication of state online legal materials and for the preservation of records of those materials.

Study Committee on Revisions of the Uniform Division of Income for Tax Purposes Act

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This committee will study the possibility of revising the Uniform Division of Income for Tax Purposes Act, last amended in 1966. Twenty-five states have adopted UDITPA and a number of others have effectively done so by joining the Multistate Tax Commission. The committee will develop recommendations as to the potential scope of a revision and the feasibility of drafting and enacting such a revision.

Study Committee to Revise Model Drug Dependence Treatment and Rehabilitation Act

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The UDDTRA was approved in 1973 and was intended to complement the Uniform Controlled Substances Act with procedures to substitute treatment for incarceration. The fundamental principle of the act was fostering social and economic reintegration of drug dependent persons into society. The committee will investigate the need for and feasibility of drafting and enacting a revision of the 1973 Act.

Study Committee on Environmental Controls and Hazards Notice Systems

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This committee will study the feasibility of an act to include notice of environmental use controls and hazards in existing “one-call” systems (which allow landowners, contractors, and other workers to call prior to breaking ground in order to determine if underground utilities are present).

Study Committee to Revise Uniform Federal Lien Registration Act

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This committee will study the need to revise the Uniform Federal Lien Registration Act to better harmonize the filing requirements for notices of federal liens with those applicable to security interests under UCC Article 9. Security interests and tax liens should be readily discoverable by third parties because lenders and buyers are concerned with both encumbrances. The committee also will monitor proposed federal legislation, such as the proposed federal Tax Lien Simplification Act, and suggest appropriate revisions to such federal legislation to ensure appropriate coordination between federal and existing uniform state legislation.

Study Committee on the 1996 Hague Convention on the Protection of Children

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This committee will examine, at the request of the U.S. Department of State, whether becoming a party to the Convention on Jurisdiction, Applicable Law, Recognition, Enforcement and Co-operation in Respect of Parental Responsibility and Measures for the Protection of Children, concluded in 1996 under the auspices of the Hague Conference on Private International Law, is in the best interests of the United States and possible mechanisms for its implementation, including amendments to the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act.

Study Committee on Health Care Information Interoperability

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This Committee will study various state law impediments to the effective exchange of health care information (electronic and otherwise) between and among health care providers, insurers, government entities, and other actors within the health care system, and in coordination with ongoing state and federal efforts in this area will assess whether state statutory reform is needed.

Study Committee on Mental Health Advance Directives

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Mental health advance directives are a special type of advance directive often used by persons who have been diagnosed with serious mental disorders. This committee will investigate the need for and feasibility of drafting and enacting uniform state legislation concerning the use and regulation of mental health advance directives.

Study Committee on a Military Services and Overseas Civilian Absentee Voters Act

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This committee will investigate the need for and feasibility of drafting and enacting uniform state legislation that would simplify the process of absentee voting for United States military and overseas civilians by making the process more uniform, convenient, secure and efficient.

Study Committee on Model Tribal Legislation on Collateralization of Interests in Real Property

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This committee will investigate the need for and feasibility of drafting model tribal legislation that would enhance the ability to collateralize interests in real property on tribal lands.

Study Committee on Model Tribal Legislation Concerning Child Custody and Domestic Violence

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This committee, with the advice of the Joint Editorial Board on Family Law, will investigate the need for and feasibility of drafting model tribal legislation concerning child custody and domestic violence issues affecting American Indians.

Study Committee on Regulation of Financial Institutions and Payment Systems

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This committee will monitor developments at the federal level, particularly with respect to the Federal Reserve Board, Treasury Department, and Congress, concerning the regulation of financial institutions and payment systems, represent the Uniform Law Commission before those entities, present the advantages of maintaining a balance of state and federal regulation in these areas, and make appropriate recommendations concerning possible ULC, or joint ULC/ALI, projects in these areas.

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