Since 1892 the Uniform Law Commission has worked to maintain and strengthen the federal framework that secures our national governmental structure. Our central mission remains firm: to draft acts that bring consistency, clarity, and stability to state law when uniformity is useful or necessary. Integral to that mission, we work within our Constitution’s finely calibrated system of federalism to preserve the boundaries of federal and state authority. And, when the boundaries overlap and result in concurrent jurisdiction, we work through interactive governmental processes to forge cooperative solutions that allocate power and responsibility to maintain a healthy balance of federalism that will keep both our federal and state governments strong.

The Uniform Law Commission:

**Works through State Law to Create Effective Legislative Solutions under a Balanced Federal System**

- Our strength as a nation is rooted in an intricate network of state laws that govern, among other areas, commercial transactions, family law, property law, business entities, occupational licensing, consumer law, trusts and estates, and laws relating to tort and contract.
- The heart of the commission’s work over the last 120 years is more than 250 uniform acts adopted by the states that provide a strong and integrated structure of law that governs these areas and provides the legal framework for what most affects people in their daily lives.

**Preserves Proper Boundaries of State and Federal Law**

- To maintain the integrity of well-settled and well-balanced law in areas traditionally governed by the states, the ULC has opposed recent attempts at federal legislation in child custody determinations for deployed military personnel that would erode long-standing deference to state law and undermine the comprehensive integration of state court procedures.
- The ULC has also recently opposed possible federal legislation that would make the enforcement of foreign country judgments a question of federal law rather than state law. The widely enacted Revised Uniform Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act already successfully and efficiently provides for a foreign judgment’s effectiveness within our federal system.

**Forges Positive Solutions in the areas of Concurrent Jurisdiction**

- Working together with Congress and federal agencies, the ULC amends existing uniform acts to harmonize state law with federal policy initiatives, maintain state law clarity, and reduce disunity between common areas of state and federal law and regulation.
- The ULC offers recommendations on how to best minimize disruption to state law when implementing an international private-law agreement and works through cooperative federalism to incorporate solid and well-settled state law into the implementing legislation.
- Uniform laws also provide a method for ratification of international agreements without resorting to preemptive federal action, most recently in the implementation of the Convention on the International Recovery of Child Support and Other Forms of Family Maintenance.
- The ULC Committee on Federalism and State Law is currently developing Federalism Principles to provide guidance in areas of shared responsibility and also hosting symposiums to bring together state lawmakers, federal stakeholders, and policy experts to continue vital discussions on the role of state law in the federal system.