

Hello members of the drafting committee on Unregulated Transfers of Adopted Children:

We look forward to seeing you at the drafting meeting in Denver, Oct. 4 and 5.

Attached are the drafts we will be working from – in two different forms:

1. One form is a redlined or track changes version. The marginal comments contain our thoughts and responses to issues raised on the floor in Anchorage this summer.
2. The other form is a clean copy of the revision with the comments from the margin of the redlined version appended as Reporter's Notes. The clean version is easier to read, but by cleaning up the redlined changes, some of the references in the Reporter's Notes are not easy to discern and may be confusing.

At the meeting, we will try to work from the redlined version – so please bring both. And we expect to work starting at the beginning of the act moving to the end.

Three matters:

- Think about a possible new name for the act.
- Is there a better term than “high-risk adoption”? Adoption can be difficult enough for a child. Adding the term high risk seems unnecessarily pejorative.
- The act has been divided into 4 articles-to make clear that information and support must be given in high-risk adoptions (Art II) and that unregulated transfers are prohibited in all adoptions (Art. III). The ULC style is not to have articles in such a short act, but for this draft it seems to make clearer the distinction in focus between II and III. We will discuss and look for your ideas. We don't yet know how the Committee on Style will react.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

See you in Denver,

David Biklen, Chair

Art Gaudio, Reporter