

To: Those Following the Uniform Mediation Act

From: Nancy Rogers and Richard Reuben, Reporters

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Re: Interim Draft of the Uniform Mediation Act

We have attached a new Draft of the Uniform Mediation Act. The Draft contains the substantive provisions adopted by the Drafting Committees of the National Conference of Commissioners of Uniform State Laws and the American Bar Association Section on Dispute Resolution at their meeting in December 2000.

The Interim Draft does not include Reporter's Working Notes, as these are still in the process of revision to reflect the evolution of the Act and public comments. Readers interested in the richer discussion of the issues that the Reporter's Working Notes provide should consult the relevant sections of the Reporter's Working Notes for the November 2000 Draft.

The Drafting Committees welcome your written comments on the Draft. Comments should be received no later than January 30, 2001, for fullest consideration.

Comments should be sent to:

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The next meeting of the Uniform Mediation Act Drafting Committees will be on February 9-10, 2001, in New Orleans, Louisiana. These meetings are open to the public. Hotel information will be announced at a later date. For more information on the meeting, including modest travel discounts, as well as general information on the project, the members of the Drafting Committees, Frequently Asked Questions, etc., consult our web site at <http://www.pon.harvard.edu/guests/uma>.