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The Uniform Law Commission
(NCCUSL)

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- Founded in 1892.
- Comprised of individual uniform law commissions from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.
- Only true qualification for commissioners is Bar membership.
- Drafted over 200 uniform acts in various legal fields since its creation.

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- Primary focus on: real property; probate and estates; family law; business organizations; health law; and conflicts of law.
- Major acts include the Uniform
   Commercial Code, Uniform Child Custody
   Jurisdiction Enforcement Act, Uniform
   Electronic Transactions Act, Uniform
   Athlete Agents Act, etc.

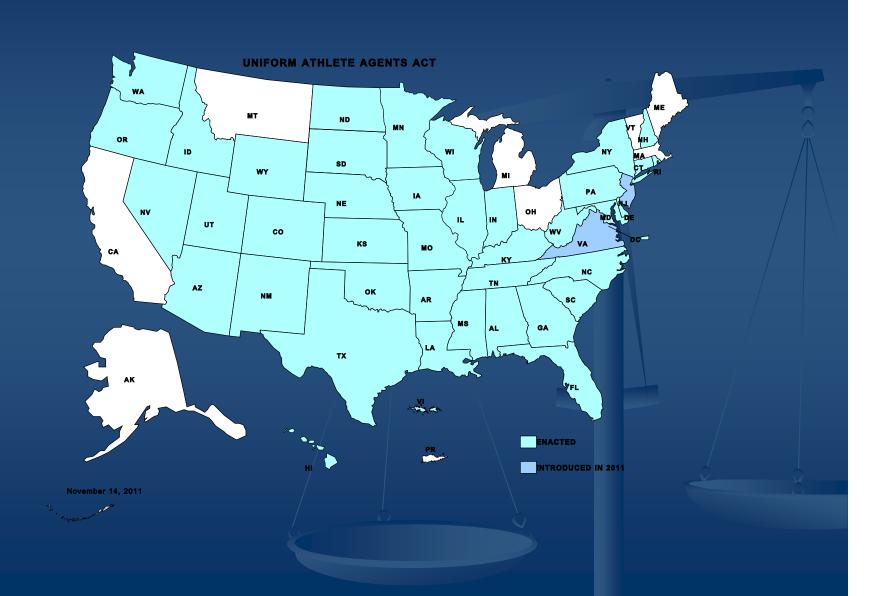
### Uniform Law Commission Goals

- Strengthen the federal system and interstate cooperation by providing rules and procedures that are consistent from state-to-state.
- Keep state law up-to-date by addressing important and timely legal issues.
- Facilitate economic development and commerce within the U.S., and provide a legal platform for foreign entities to deal with U.S. entities.

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- NCCUSL Commissioners donate thousands of hours of time and legal and drafting expertise every year as a public service.
- Commissioners receive no salary or compensation for their work.
- Deliberative drafting process draws on the expertise of commissioners.
- Our drafting process combines input from legal experts, advisors, and observers representing the views of interested groups affected by the proposed laws.

### **UAAA** Enactment



- Two bills introduced during the 2011 legislative session:
  - New Jersey A 2349 (McKeon)
  - Virginia HB 1819 (Ware)
- Most recent UAAA Enactment: Illinois 2010.
- Most recent legislative activity has been reactive, as opposed to pursuit of new enactments.

- Legislation introduced to repeal UAAA:
  - Colorado HB 1128 of 2010 (registration provisions only, ENACTED)
  - Florida HB 5005 of 2011 (amended to remove reference to UAAA, DIED)
  - Hawaii HB 2029 of 2009 (DIED)
  - Montana SB 54 of 2007 (ENACTED)
  - New Hampshire HB 136 of 2011 (amended to remove reference to UAAA, ENACTED)
  - New Hampshire HB 446 of 2011 (DIED)

- In 2011, states began introducing similarly styled amendments in an attempt to augment the UAAA's protections:
  - Arkansas HB 1061 (ENACTED)
  - Mississippi HB 1190 (ENACTED)
  - North Carolina S 224 (DIED)
  - Oklahoma HB 1586 (ENACTED)
  - Oregon SB 5 (DIED)
  - South Carolina SB 427 (Carries Over)
  - Texas HB 1123 (ENACTED)

- Significant themes in the 2011 amendatory bills include:
  - Amendments to the definition of "athlete agent" to specify runners, include financial advisors, and focus on certification by professional sports associations.
  - Clarified or enhanced investigatory/regulatory power and enforcement authority, and increased penalties.
  - Amendments to registration content requirements, and notification of changes, litigation, etc.
  - Surety bond requirements for agents.
  - Notification prior to contact with student athletes.