



WHY YOUR STATE SHOULD ADOPT THE UNIFORM ELECTRONIC ESTATE PLANNING DOCUMENTS ACT

The Uniform Electronic Estate Planning Document Act (UEEPDA) authorizes the use of electronic documents and signatures for non-testamentary documents like trusts and powers of attorney. This uniform law allows estate planners and their clients to conduct their business online in the same manner that is already legal for electronic banking and commercial transactions. It should be adopted in your state because:

- ***The UEEPDA modernizes the law of estate planning.*** Most people already handle their finances and sign leases, mortgage and loan documents and other business transaction documents electronically. That's possible because another uniform state law ensures electronic transactions are enforceable. UEEPDA provides similar rules for estate planning documents, filling a gap in the law and allowing estate planners to also serve their clients online.
- ***The UEEPDA will enable more people to make an estate plan.*** Enacting UEEPDA will increase access to legal services for people who are homebound, travel frequently, or who just prefer the convenience of electronic signing.
- ***The UEEPDA is forward-looking.*** Like other uniform laws, the UEEPDA uses technology-neutral terminology to ensure the law will not become obsolete with the next technological advancement in document security or electronic signature protocol.
- ***The UEEPDA complements state laws governing electronic wills.*** Testamentary documents like wills are subject to different execution requirements than non-testamentary documents such as trusts and powers of attorney. The UEEPDA was drafted to complement the Uniform Electronic Wills Act and can be easily combined with that act into a single statute that will govern electronic versions of both testamentary and non-testamentary estate planning documents.

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