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INTRODUCTION

This publication is a guide to uniform and model acts promulgated by the Uniform Law Commission and currently recommended for enactment. It is prepared for the use of legislators, legislative drafting bureaus, commissioners, and others interested in state legislation.

It can be used in several ways to locate uniform and model laws for use in drafting legislation in your state:

- To locate a law dealing with a topic on which legislation is desired in your state.
- To locate laws dealing with topics on which other states have enacted legislation, which may suggest desirable topics for legislation in your state.
- To locate unadopted laws which are related to uniform laws already adopted in your state.
- To locate new laws which supersede old laws still in effect in your state.

This guide has these special features:

- A subject matter index identifies laws dealing with a particular area of the law.
- An index to the Target List.

Targets are uniform acts that are prioritized in a given legislative session based on several criteria, including:

- the relative importance of the subject matter to the ULC’s overall portfolio;
- the likelihood of wide adoption, including a track record to that effect;
- the relative level of stakeholder support;
- the status of the act (are amendments or revisions currently being contemplated?);
- the suitability of the act for direct introduction without significant preparation or lead time;
- the implication of state subject matter jurisdiction (i.e. federal preemption) or involvement of the UCC.

Targets to Complete are uniform acts already adopted in a significant number of jurisdictions, where attaining national uniformity is deemed desirable and attainable.

- An enactment chart shows precisely where each act has been adopted.

PLEASE NOTE:

- The term “related acts” in this guide refers to other related acts described in this guide.
- The year which follows the title of each act is the year of promulgation. Each year thereafter refers to the year the act was amended or revised.
- An asterisk (*) indicates that the act is currently being revised by the Uniform Law Commission.
- The term “adoptions” in this guide refers to adoptions by the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. It includes adoptions through September 30, 2023.
- An act is designated as “Uniform” if there is substantial reason to anticipate enactment in a large number of jurisdictions, and uniformity of the provisions of the act among the various jurisdictions is a principal objective.
- An act is designated as “Model” if uniformity may be a desirable objective, although not a principal objective, and the act may promote uniformity and minimize diversity, even though a significant number of jurisdictions may not adopt the act in its entirety, or the purposes of the act can be substantially achieved, even though it is not adopted in its entirety by every state.

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UNIFORM AND MODEL ACTS

MODEL ABANDONED PROPERTY ACT (2018)

Adoptions..... 0

Purpose..... This act allows a creditor, governmental subdivision, or homeowner's association to request a determination that a property is abandoned based on the existence of three or more specified conditions indicating abandonment. Each homeowner and obligor, if locatable, must receive a copy of the request. A determination of abandonment allows for an expedited foreclosure procedure, but also imposes a duty to maintain the property upon the creditor requesting foreclosure until title is transferred to a new owner.

Related Acts..... Home Foreclosure Procedures; Negotiated Alternative to Foreclosure; Nonjudicial Foreclosure; Residential Mortgage Satisfaction.

UNIFORM ADULT GUARDIANSHIP AND PROTECTIVE PROCEEDINGS JURISDICTION ACT (2007)

Adoptions..... 49

Purpose..... This act addresses the issue of jurisdiction over adult guardianships, conservatorships, and other protective proceedings. Because there are more than fifty guardianship systems in the United States, problems of determining jurisdiction are frequent. This act provides an effective mechanism for resolving multi-state jurisdictional disputes. It contains specific guidelines to specify which court has jurisdiction to appoint a guardian or conservator for an incapacitated adult. The objective is that only one state will have jurisdiction at any one time.

Related Acts..... Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement; Guardianship, Conservatorship, and Other Protective Arrangements; Probate Code.

UNIFORM ALCOHOL DIRECT-SHIPPING COMPLIANCE ACT (2022)

Adoptions..... 0

Purpose..... The Uniform Alcohol Direct-Shipping Compliance Act enhances an enacting state's capability to detect and stop unlawful direct-to-consumer ("DTC") shipments of alcoholic beverages to the state's residents. The act integrates with existing state law as to whether DTC shipping is allowed, and for which types of alcoholic beverages.

UNIFORM ANATOMICAL GIFT ACT (2006)(2007)

Adoptions..... 48

Purpose..... This act revises the Uniform Anatomical Gift Acts of 1968 and 1987 in light of changes in federal law and regulations, and related developments in the field of organ donation. Like the prior versions, the new UAGA provides that any individual may make an anatomical gift by signing a document of gift. No witnesses are necessary for this document, and the donor's wishes are not subject to change by others. The revision also expands the number of individuals allowed to consent to make anatomical gifts, and encourages the use of donor registries and provides standards for their operations.

Related Acts..... Determination of Death; Health-Care Decisions.

Supersedes..... Anatomical Gift (1968)(1987).

MODEL APPORTIONMENT OF TORT RESPONSIBILITY ACT (2002)(2003)

Adoptions..... 0

Purpose..... Sets out rules to allocate financial responsibility on a modified comparative fault basis among multiple parties liable for negligent or willful misconduct, including the misconduct of injured parties.

Related Act Punitive Damages.

UNIFORM ARBITRATION ACT (2000)

Adoptions..... 23

Purpose..... Revises the Uniform Arbitration Act of 1956, adopted in 49 states, to reflect new developments in arbitration law.

Related Acts..... Collaborative Law; Family Law Arbitration; Mediation.

Supersedes..... Arbitration (1956).

MODEL ASSET-PRESERVATION ORDERS ACT (2012)(2014)

Adoptions..... 0

Purpose..... This act creates a uniform process for the issuance of asset freezing orders, which are *in personam* orders freezing the assets of a defendant in order to prevent a party from dissipating assets prior to judgment.

UNIFORM ASSIGNMENT OF RENTS ACT (2005)

Adoptions..... 6

Purpose..... This act seeks to bring consistency to commercial real property transactions by establishing a comprehensive statutory model for the creation, perfection, and enforcement of security interests in rents derived from real estate.

Related Acts..... Commercial Real Estate Receivership; Commercial Code Article 9.

UNIFORM ATHLETE AGENTS ACT, REVISED (2015)(2019)

Adoptions..... 21 (2015 Act)

Adoptions..... 18 (with 2019 Amendments)

Purpose..... This act is a revision of the Uniform Athlete Agents Act, promulgated in 2000 and adopted in 41 states. The act governs relations among student athletes, athlete agents, and educational institutions. The revised act makes numerous changes to the act, including expanding the definition of “athlete agent”; providing for reciprocal and interstate compact registration between states; adding new requirements to the signing of an agency contract, expanding notification requirements; and providing remedies for student athletes. The 2019 Amendment applies to changes that the NCAA made to its bylaws in August of 2018 to provide student athletes with more freedom and flexibility to explore the possibility of going professional while retaining their college eligibility.

Related Acts..... College Athlete Name, Image, or Likeness (2021).

Supersedes..... Athlete Agents (2000)

UNIFORM AUTOMATED OPERATION OF VEHICLES ACT (2019)

Adoptions..... 0

Purpose..... This act covers the deployment of automated vehicles on roads held open to the public by reconciling automated driving with a typical state motor vehicle code. Many of the act’s sections can be incorporated into existing sections of a typical vehicle code. This act also introduces the concept of automated driving providers (ADPs) as a legal entity that must declare itself to the state and designate the automated vehicles for which it will act as the legal driver when the vehicle is in automated operation. The ADP might be an automated driving system developer, a vehicle manufacturer, a fleet operator, an insurer, or another kind of market participant that has yet to emerge. Only an automated vehicle that is associated with an ADP may be registered. In this way, the act uses the motor vehicle registration framework that already exists in states – and that applies to both conventional and automated vehicles – to incentivize self-identification by ADPs.

UNIFORM BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS CODE (2011)(2013)

Adoptions..... 2

Purpose..... The primary purposes of the Uniform Business Organizations Code are to harmonize the language of all of the uniform unincorporated entity acts, and to revise the language of each of those acts in a manner that permits their integration into a single code of entity laws. The 2013 Amendments address necessary technical corrections.

Related Acts..... Partnership; Limited Partnership; Limited Liability Company; Limited Cooperative; Protected Series; Unincorporated Nonprofit Association; Statutory Trust Entity; Registered Agents; Entity Transactions.

UNIFORM CERTIFICATE OF TITLE FOR VESSELS ACT (2011)

Adoptions..... 6

Purpose..... The Uniform Certificate of Title for Vessels Act establishes a certificate of title system for boats and other watercraft. The major objectives of the act are to: (1) qualify as a state titling law that the Coast Guard will approve; (2) facilitate transfers of ownership of a vessel; (3) deter and impede the theft of vessels by making information about the ownership of vessels available to both government officials and those interested in acquiring an interest in a vessel; (4) accommodate existing financing arrangements for vessels; and (5) provide certain consumer protections when purchasing a vessel through the act's branding initiative.

UNIFORM CERTIFICATION OF QUESTIONS OF LAW ACT (1995)

Adoptions..... 8

Purpose..... Assures that key interpretations of a state's law are made by the state's own highest court, by empowering the court to answer questions certified to it by a federal court, an appellate court of another state, or courts of Canada or Mexico. This act modernizes the earlier version, which was adopted in 21 states.

Related Act..... Statute and Rule Construction.

Supersedes..... Certification of Questions of Law (1967)(1990).

UNIFORM CHILD ABDUCTION PREVENTION ACT (2006)

Adoptions..... 16

Purpose..... This act provides courts with guidelines to follow during custody disputes and divorce proceedings, to help courts identify families at risk for abduction, and to provide methods to prevent the abduction of children.

Related Acts..... Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement; Interstate Enforcement of Domestic-Violence Protection Orders; Marriage and Divorce.

UNIFORM CHILD CUSTODY JURISDICTION AND ENFORCEMENT ACT (1997)(2013)

Adoptions..... 51

Purpose..... Revises the 1968 Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction Act, which was adopted in every state, and brings it into compliance with the federal Parental Kidnapping Prevention Act. This act limits child custody jurisdiction to one state, avoiding competing orders, and provides enforcement provisions for child custody orders. The 2013 Amendments were drafted as part of the effort to implement the 1996 Hague Convention on Jurisdiction, Applicable Law, Recognition, Enforcement, and Co-operation in respect of Parental Responsibilities and Measures for the Protection of Children.

Supersedes..... Child Custody Jurisdiction Act (1968).

MODEL CHILD WITNESS TESTIMONY BY ALTERNATIVE METHODS ACT (2002)

Adoptions..... 4

Purpose..... Provides procedures for taking the testimony of children in criminal or civil proceedings, permitting a child, for good cause, to testify outside the courtroom and the immediate presence of a defendant.

Related Act Rules of Evidence.

UNIFORM CHOICE OF COURT AGREEMENTS CONVENTION IMPLEMENTATION ACT (2012)

Adoptions..... 0

Purpose..... The Uniform Choice of Court Agreements Convention Implementation Act will assist in the implementation and ratification of the Hague Convention on Choice of Court Agreements, and is meant to harmonize with federal implementing legislation.

UNIFORM CIVIL REMEDIES FOR UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF INTIMATE IMAGES ACT (2018)

Adoptions 9

Purpose This act addresses an increasingly common form of abuse that causes immediate, and in many cases, irreversible harm. The act creates a cause of action for unauthorized disclosure of private, intimate images. The act also outlines procedures enabling victims to protect their identity in court proceedings. In addition, the act provides various remedies for victims, including actual damages, statutory damages, punitive damages, and attorney's fees.

UNIFORM COHABITANTS' ECONOMIC REMEDIES ACT (2021)

Adoptions..... 0

Purpose..... The rate of nonmarital cohabitation within the U.S. is increasing rapidly. Today, states have no consistent approach for addressing whether and how cohabitants can enforce contract and equitable claims against each other when the relationship ends. The Uniform Cohabitants' Economic Remedies Act does not create any special status for cohabitants. In most instances, the act defers to other state law governing contracts and claims between individuals. The act enables cohabitants to exercise the usual rights of individual citizens of a state to contract and to successfully maintain contract and equitable claims against others in appropriate circumstances. The act affirms the capacity of each cohabitant to contract with the other and to maintain claims with respect to "contributions to the relationship" without regard to any intimate relationship that exists between them and without subjecting them to hurdles that would not be imposed on litigants of similar claims. The act ensures that the nature of the relationship of the parties is not a bar to a successful claim.

UNIFORM COLLABORATIVE LAW ACT/RULES (2009)(2010)

Adoptions..... 22

Purpose..... This act standardizes the most important features of collaborative law, a form of alternative dispute resolution that is becoming more popular in the states. Collaborative law is now used mainly in family law disputes, but its practice has spread to other areas of the law, including the settlement of contract and insurance disputes. The act encourages the development and growth of collaborative law as an option for parties that wish to use it. The act mandates the essential elements of disclosure and discussion between prospective parties in order to guarantee that all parties enter into the collaborative agreement with informed consent. Amendments approved in 2010 create an explicit mechanism for the operative provisions of the act to be adopted in rule, rather than statute.

Related Acts..... Arbitration; Mediation.

MODEL COLLATERAL CONSEQUENCES OF CONVICTION ACT (2009)(2010)

Adoptions..... 2

Purpose..... This act addresses the various penalties and disqualifications that individuals face incidental to criminal sentencing, which are often known as “collateral consequences” and include such penalties as disqualification from voting, prohibitions from running for office, exclusion from certain types of employment, etc. The act improves the understanding of such penalties, and in appropriate circumstances, offers a mechanism to provide partial relief from the disabilities. The provisions in the act are largely procedural, and designed to rationalize and clarify policies and provisions which are already widely accepted by the states. Amendments approved in 2010 responded to the Supreme Court decision in *Padilla v. Kentucky*.

UNIFORM COLLEGE ATHLETE NAME, IMAGE, OR LIKENESS ACT (2021)

Adoptions..... 1

Purpose..... Until recently, college athletes have not been allowed to receive compensation for the use of their name, image, or likeness (NIL) while still maintaining athletic eligibility. The Uniform College Athlete Name, Image, or Likeness Act allows college athletes to earn compensation for the use of their NIL while also providing reasonable protections to educational institutions, athletic associations, and conferences. The act will provide a clear and uniform framework for state to enact that allows college athletes to earn compensation for the use of their NIL while maintaining a level playing field across state lines.

Related Acts..... Uniform Athlete Agents Act.

UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE ARTICLE 1, GENERAL PROVISIONS (2001)

Adoptions..... 52

Purpose..... Updates the general provisions section of the UCC to harmonize with recent revisions of the UCC.

Related Acts..... Other Articles of Commercial Code.

Supersedes..... Commercial Code Article 1 (1951)

UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE ARTICLE 2A, LEASES (1987)(1990)

Adoptions..... 51

Purpose..... Provides a legal framework for leases of personal property, similar to Article 2 which covers sales.

Related Acts..... Other Articles of Commercial Code; Certificate of Title; Consumer Leases.

UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE ARTICLES 3 AND 4, NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS AND BANK DEPOSITS AND COLLECTIONS (1990)(2002)

Adoptions..... 52

Purpose..... Updates provisions of the UCC dealing with payment by checks and other paper instruments to provide essential rules for the new technologies and practices in payment systems. UCC3/4 was amended in 2002 to keep pace with developments of legal rules in this area.

Related Acts..... Other Articles of Commercial Code.

Supersedes..... Commercial Code Articles 3 and 4 (1951).

UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE ARTICLE 4A, FUNDS TRANSFERS (1989)(2012)

Adoptions..... 53; Adoptions of 2012 Amendment 50

Purpose..... Provides a comprehensive body of law on the rights and obligations connected with fund transfers. Amended in 2012 in response to an amendment to the Federal Electronic Funds Transfer Act (EFTA); the amendment clarifies the relationship of the scope of EFTA to the scope of UCC4A in the context of remittance transfers.

Related Acts..... Other Articles of Commercial Code.

UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE ARTICLE 5, LETTERS OF CREDIT (1995)

Adoptions..... 52

Purpose..... Updates provisions of the UCC dealing with letters of credit, previously adopted in every state, to provide necessary rules for the many innovations in letters of credit.

Related Acts..... Other Articles of Commercial Code.

Supersedes..... Commercial Code Article 5 (1951).

UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE ARTICLE 6, BULK TRANSFERS (1989)

Adoptions..... 52

Repeal..... 51

Revise 1

Purpose..... Repeals this article of the UCC, originally adopted in every state except Louisiana, which many states have found to be obsolete. An optional amendment modernizes Article 6 for those states that wish to retain it.

Related Acts..... Other Articles of Commercial Code; Fraudulent Transfer.

Supersedes..... Commercial Code Article 6 (1951).

UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE ARTICLE 7, WAREHOUSE RECEIPTS, BILLS OF LADING, AND OTHER DOCUMENTS OF TITLE (2003)

Adoptions..... 51

Purpose..... Updates Article 7 to provide a framework for the further development of electronic documents of title, and to update the article for modern times in light of state, federal and international developments.

Related Acts..... Other Articles of Commercial Code.

Supersedes..... Commercial Code Article 7 (1951).

UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE ARTICLE 8, INVESTMENT SECURITIES (1994)

Adoptions..... 53

Purpose..... Updates UCC Article 8, originally adopted in every state, to provide a modern legal structure for the system of securities holding through intermediaries.

Related Acts..... Other Articles of Commercial Code; Securities; TOD Security Registration.

Supersedes..... Commercial Code Article 8 (1977).

UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE ARTICLE 9, SECURED TRANSACTIONS (1999)(2010)

Adoptions..... 53 (1999 Revision)

Adoptions..... 52 (with 2010 Amendments)

Purpose..... The 2010 amendments to UCC Article 9, which governs secured transactions in personal property, address filing issues as well as other matters that have arisen in practice following over a decade of experience with the revised Article 9 (last revised in 1999 and enacted in all states and the District of Columbia). Of most importance, the 2010 amendments provide greater guidance as to the name of an individual debtor to be provided on a financing statement. The amendments also improve the system for filing financing statements.

Related Acts..... Other articles of the Commercial Code; Assignments of Rents; Certificate of Title; Commercial Real Estate Receivership.

Supersedes..... Commercial Code Article 9 (1972).

UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE ARTICLE 9, SECURED TRANSACTIONS (2018 Amendments)

Adoptions..... 7

Purpose..... The 2018 amendments to UCC Article 9 Sections 9-406 and 9-408 modify the anti-assignment override provisions, thereby excluding security interests in ownership interests of general partnerships, limited partnerships, and limited liability companies from the override provisions.

Related Acts..... Other articles of the Commercial Code; Limited Liability Company Act, Limited Partnership Act, Partnership Act.

UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES AMENDMENTS (2022)

Adoptions..... 11

Purpose..... The 2022 Amendments to the Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) update and modernize the UCC to address emerging technologies. A new UCC Article 12 on Controllable Electronic Records governs transactions involving new types of digital assets (such as virtual currencies, electronic money, and nonfungible tokens), and corresponding changes to UCC Article 9 address security interests in digital assets. The 2022 amendments also update terminology to account for digital records, electronic signatures, and distributed ledger technology, provide rules for electronic negotiable instruments, and clarify the rules for UCC applicability to hybrid transactions involving both goods and services.

Related Acts ... Other Articles of Commercial Code.

UNIFORM COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE RECEIVERSHIP ACT (2015)

Adoptions..... 12

Purpose..... Receivership is an equitable remedy allowing a court to oversee the orderly management and disposition of property subject to a lawsuit. Although the remedy is not new, there is no standard set of receivership rules and the courts of different states have applied widely varying standards. This act applies to receiverships involving commercial real estate, and provides a standard set of rules for courts to apply. It will result in greater predictability for litigants, lenders, and other parties doing business with a company subject to receivership.

Related Act Assignment of Rents; Commercial Code Article 9.

UNIFORM COMMON INTEREST OWNERS BILL OF RIGHTS ACT (2008)

Adoptions..... 1

Purpose..... A new Uniform Common Interest Owners Bill Of Rights Act (UCIOBORA) is drawn from the provisions of the new Uniform Common Interest Ownership Act, and supplements existing state law with many of the most important updates and protections of the 2008 act.

Related Act..... Common Interest Ownership.

UNIFORM COMMON INTEREST OWNERSHIP ACT (2008)(2014)(2021)

Adoptions..... 4

Purpose..... The Uniform Common Interest Ownership Act of 2008 (UCIOA) contains provisions for the formation, management, and termination of any common interest community, including condominiums, planned communities, and real estate cooperatives. The 2008 UCIOA (an update of the 1982 and 1994 versions of UCIOA) addresses critical aspects of association governance, with particular focus on the relationship between the association and its individual members, foreclosures, election and recall of officers, and treatment of records. Importantly, UCIOA gives greater flexibility to association governing boards with regard to enforcement of the declaration, bylaws, and rules of the association. The 2008 amendments also modernize UCIOA with respect to electronic commerce and practice. The 2014 amendments clarify rules governing the six month “limited priority” lien for unpaid common expense assessments owed to community associations, in response to conflicting interpretations by state courts. The 2021 amendments to the act update it to address recent legal and technological developments.

Related Acts..... Condominium; Real Estate Time-Share.

UNIFORM COMMUNITY PROPERTY DISPOSITION AT DEATH ACT (2021)

Adoptions..... 2

Purpose..... Community property acquired by a married couple retains its character as community property even when the couple relocates to reside in a non-community property state. This result creates potential distribution problems at the death of the first spouse but also creates potential estate planning opportunities. However, the probate court in a non-community property state may not recognize the status of community property in a decedent’s estate. The Uniform Community Property Disposition at Death Act provides clear default rules to ensure the proper disposition of community property in any state. It is recommended for adoption by all non-community property states.

Related Acts..... Estate Tax Apportionment; Wills Recognition; Marital Property; Multiple-Person Accounts; Probate Code; TOD Security Registration; Testamentary Additions to Trusts.

Supersedes..... Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death (1971).

MODEL COMPUTER INFORMATION TRANSACTIONS ACT (1999)(2000)(2002)

Adoptions..... 2

Purpose..... Adopts the accepted and familiar principles of contract law, setting the rules for creating electronic contracts and the use of electronic signatures for contract adoption, thereby making computer information transactions as well-grounded in the law as traditional transactions.

Related Acts..... Commercial Code; Electronic Transactions.

UNIFORM CONDOMINIUM ACT (1977)(1980)

Adoptions..... 16

Purpose..... Comprehensive provisions for creation, management, and termination of condominium associations, including point-of-sale consumer protection.

Related Acts..... Common Interest Ownership; Real Estate Time-Share.

UNIFORM CONSERVATION EASEMENT ACT (1981)

Adoptions..... 25

Purpose..... Authorizes the creation of permanent easements on real property for conservation and historic preservation purposes, with favorable federal income tax benefits.

Related Act Environmental Covenants.

MODEL CONSUMER CREDIT CODE (1968)(1974)

Adoptions..... 10

Purpose..... Under this act, the total consumer credit process, from advertising through collection, would be within the scope of regulation. Includes usury rules.

Related Acts..... Commercial Code; Consumer Leases; Debt-Management Services.

UNIFORM CONSUMER DEBT DEFAULT JUDGMENTS ACT (2023)

Adoptions..... 0

Purpose Numerous studies report that default judgments are entered in more than half of all debt collection actions. The purpose of this act is to provide consumer debtors and courts with the information necessary to evaluate debt collection actions. The act provides consumer debtors with access to information needed to understand claims being asserted against them and identify available defenses; advises consumers of the adverse effects of failing to raise defenses or seek the voluntary settlement of claims; and makes consumers aware of assistance that may be available from legal aid organizations. The act also seeks to provide a uniform framework in which courts can fairly, efficiently, and promptly evaluate the merits of requests for default judgments while balancing the interests of all parties and the courts.

MODEL CONSUMER LEASES ACT (2001)

Adoptions..... 1

Purpose..... This act is designed to regulate state consumer goods leasing. It covers leases of consumer goods for terms longer than four months and less than \$150,000. It assures fair practices in consumer leasing.

Related Acts..... Commercial Code Article 2A; Consumer Credit Code; Debt-Management Services.

MODEL CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT (1990)(1994)

Adoptions..... 3

Purpose..... Provides fundamental law in the fight against narcotic and dangerous drugs, and achieves uniformity between state and federal drug laws. It updates the earlier version, adopted in 44 states.

Supersedes..... Controlled Substances (1970)(1973).

UNIFORM CORRECTION OR CLARIFICATION OF DEFAMATION ACT (1993)

Adoptions..... 3

Purpose..... Provides a method for limiting punitive damages in a defamation act by correcting or clarifying allegedly defamatory material.

UNIFORM CRIMINAL RECORDS ACCURACY ACT (2018)

Adoptions..... 0

Purpose..... This act is designed to improve the accuracy of criminal history records, commonly called a rap sheet, that are frequently used in determining the eligibility of a person for employment, housing, credit, and licensing, in addition to law enforcement purposes. The act imposes duties on governmental law enforcement agencies and courts that collect, store and use criminal history records, to ensure the accuracy of the information contained in the rap sheet. The act provides individuals the right to see and correct errors in their rap sheet. Through use of a mistaken identity prevention registry, the act also provides a mechanism by which an individual whose name is similar to and confused with a person who is the subject of criminal-history-record information, a means to minimize the possibility of a false arrest or denial of housing, employment, credit, or other opportunities.

UNIFORM CUSTODIAL TRUST ACT (1987)

Adoptions..... 20

Purpose..... Enables persons to establish a commonly desired form of living trust by simply causing assets to be registered in the name of one as “custodial trustee for (beneficiary’s name) under the (enacting state)’s Uniform Custodial Trust Act.” To the extent of assets so registered, the statutory trust offers protection against probate proceedings related to the beneficiary’s incompetence or death.

Related Acts..... Multiple-Person Accounts; Power of Attorney; Probate Code; Recognition of Substitute Decision-Making Documents; Transfers to Minors.

UNIFORM DEBT-MANAGEMENT SERVICES ACT (2005)(2008)(2011)

Adoptions..... 8

Purpose..... This act provides guidance and regulation to the debt counseling industry. The act applies to both consumer debt counseling services and debt management services. The act is a comprehensive statute that provides rules for, among other things, registration requirements, bond requirements, disclosure requirements, and penalties for non-compliance.

Related Acts..... Commercial Code; Consumer Credit Code; Consumer Leases.

UNIFORM DECLARATORY JUDGMENTS ACT (1922)

Adoptions..... 45

Purpose..... Settles and affords relief from uncertainty with respect to rights, status, and other legal relations.

UNIFORM DEPLOYED PARENTS CUSTODY AND VISITATION ACT (2012)

Adoptions..... 16

Purpose..... This act addresses issues of child custody and visitation that arise when parents are deployed in military or other national service. There is a need to ensure that parents who serve their country are not penalized for their service, while still giving adequate weight to the interests of the other parent, and most importantly, the best interest of the child. The act contains provisions that apply generally to custody matters of service members, as well as provisions that arise on notice of and during deployment.

Related Acts..... Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement; Interstate Family Support.

UNIFORM DETERMINATION OF DEATH ACT (1980)*

Adoptions..... 44

Purpose..... Provides a comprehensive basis for determining death in all situations. This is a technical act which merely defines death clinically, and does not deal with suicide, assisted suicide, right to die, or similar topics.

Related Acts..... Anatomical Gift; Health-Care Decisions; Probate Code; Simultaneous Death.

Supersedes..... Brain Death Act (1978).

UNIFORM DIRECTED TRUST ACT (2017)

Adoptions..... 16

Purpose..... Addresses the rise of directed trusts, in which a person other than a trustee has a power over some aspect of the trust's administration. The Uniform Directed Trust Act provides clear, functional rules that allow a settlor to freely structure a directed trust while preserving key fiduciary safeguards for beneficiaries.

Related Acts ... Powers of Appointment; Trust Code.

UNIFORM DISCLAIMER OF PROPERTY INTERESTS ACT (1999)(2002)(2006)

Adoptions..... 25

Purpose..... Provides definite, tax-sensitive rules governing refusals to accept transfers of property by gift or inheritance, and identifying who takes in the event of disclaimer.

Related Act Probate Code.

Supersedes..... Disclaimer of Property Interests (1973)(1978); Disclaimer of Transfers by Will, Intestacy, or Appointment (1973)(1978); Disclaimer of Transfers Under Nontestamentary Instruments (1973)(1978).

MODEL RULES RELATING TO DISCOVERY OF ELECTRONICALLY STORED INFORMATION (2007)

Adoptions..... 2

Purpose..... The primary purpose of the new uniform rules is to provide states with up-to-date rules for the discovery of electronic documents in civil cases. With the emergence of electronic technology, the extent to which individuals and institutions store or maintain information in an electronic form has clearly increased since the adoption of rules governing discovery generally. By some estimates, more than ninety percent of corporate information is being stored in some sort of digital or electronic format. This new act mirrors the recently adopted amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure dealing with electronically stored information.

Related Acts..... Electronic Transactions; Rules of Evidence.

UNIFORM DIVISION OF INCOME FOR TAX PURPOSES ACT (1957)(1966)

Adoptions..... 36

Purpose..... Provides a uniform method of division of income between states for tax purposes, thereby assuring that a taxpayer is not taxed more than once on his or her net income.

Related Acts..... Principal and Income; Probate Code; Prudent Investor.

MODEL DORMANT MINERAL INTERESTS ACT (1986)

Adoptions..... 2

Purpose..... Establishes the criteria by which a severed mineral interest in real estate becomes dormant. A mineral interest becomes dormant if there is no actual "use" of the interest for 20 years or more.

UNIFORM EASEMENT RELOCATION ACT (2020)

Adoptions..... 4

Purpose..... The Uniform Easement Relocation Act allows the owner of real estate burdened by an easement to obtain a court order to relocate the easement if the relocation does not materially impair the utility of the easement to the easement holder, or the physical condition, use, or value of the benefitted property. The burdened property owner must file a civil action, give other potentially affected real-property interest owners notice, and bear all the costs of relocation.

UNIFORM ELECTRONIC ESTATE PLANNING DOCUMENTS ACT (2022)

Adoptions..... 1

Purpose..... The Uniform Electronic Estate Planning Documents Act will fill a gap in the law regarding the execution of certain estate planning documents, including trusts and powers of attorney. The Uniform Electronic Transactions Act (UETA) authorizes the electronic execution of bilateral contracts if the parties to a transaction agree. The Uniform Electronic Wills Act (UEWA) authorizes the testator of a will and witnesses to execute a will in electronic form. However, trusts, powers of attorney, and some other types of estate planning documents fell into a legal grey area where the law governing electronic execution was ambiguous. The Uniform Electronic Estate Planning Documents Act clarifies that these documents may also be executed in electronic form.

Related Acts ... Electronic Transactions; Electronic Wills.

UNIFORM ELECTRONIC LEGAL MATERIAL ACT (2011)

Adoptions..... 24

Purpose..... The Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act establishes an outcomes-based, technology-neutral framework for providing online legal material with the same level of trustworthiness traditionally provided by publication in a law book. The act requires that official electronic legal material be: (1) authenticated, by providing a method to determine that it is unaltered; (2) preserved, either in electronic or print form; and (3) accessible, for use by the public on a permanent basis.

UNIFORM ELECTRONIC RECORDATION OF CUSTODIAL INTERROGATIONS ACT (2010)

Adoptions..... 3

Purpose..... The act addresses difficult problems that accompany interrogations conducted by law enforcement officials. By requiring law enforcement to electronically record custodial interrogations, the act promotes truth-finding, judicial efficiency, and further protects the rights of law enforcement and those under investigation. The act does not require law enforcement to make recordings that are unfeasible or that would endanger confidential informants, nor does it punish law enforcement for equipment failures.

UNIFORM ELECTRONIC TRANSACTIONS ACT (1999)

Adoptions..... 51

Purpose..... Establishes the legal equivalence of electronic records and signatures with paper writings and manually-signed signatures, removing barriers to electronic commerce.

Related Acts..... Commercial Code; Computer Information Transactions; Electronic Estate Planning Documents; Notarial Acts; Real Property Electronic Recording.

UNIFORM ELECTRONIC WILLS ACT (2019)

Adoptions..... 8

Purpose..... This act permits testators to execute an electronic will and allows probate courts to give electronic wills legal effect. Under this act, the testator's electronic signature must be witnessed contemporaneously (or notarized contemporaneously in states that allow notarized wills) and the document must be stored in a tamper-evident file. States will have the option to include language that allows remote witnessing. The act will also address recognition of electronic wills executed under the law of another state. For a generation that is used to banking, communicating, and transacting business online, the Uniform Electronic Wills Act will allow online estate planning while maintaining safeguards to help prevent fraud and coercion.

Related Acts..... Probate Code, Electronic Estate Planning Documents; Electronic Transactions, and Revised Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets.

UNIFORM EMERGENCY VOLUNTEER HEALTH PRACTITIONERS ACT (2006)(2007)

Adoptions..... 19

Purpose..... This act will allow state governments to give reciprocity to other states' licensees on emergency services providers so that covered individuals may provide services without meeting the disaster state's licensing requirements. This act was drafted in response to the devastation in the Gulf States from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, specifically the problem of allowing out-of-state medical professionals to practice in the afflicted areas. The act was amended in 2007 to address the issues of workers' compensation coverage and limitations on civil liability for interstate volunteers deployed during emergencies.

MODEL EMPLOYEE AND STUDENT ONLINE PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT (2016)

Adoptions..... 1

Purpose..... The growing use of social media has implications in both employment and educational contexts. Employers and educational institutions sometimes ask current and/or prospective employees and students to grant the employer or school access to social media or other name and password protected accounts. This act addresses both employers' access to employees or prospective employees' social media and other online accounts accessed via username and password or other credentials of authentication as well as post-secondary educational institutions' access to students' or prospective students' similar online accounts.

UNIFORM ENFORCEMENT OF FOREIGN JUDGMENTS ACT (1948)(1964)

Adoptions..... 51

Purpose..... Provides a simplified way of enforcing judgments entered in another state, implementing full faith and credit.

Related Acts..... Foreign Money Claims; Foreign-Country Money Judgments Recognition.

MODEL ENTITY TRANSACTIONS ACT (2004)(2005)(2007)

Adoptions..... 8

Purpose..... Provides states with a single set of procedures for mergers, conversions, domestications, and interest exchanges among different forms of business entities.

Related Acts..... Business Organizations; Limited Liability Company; Limited Partnership; Partnership; Registered Agents; ABA Model Business Corporation Act; ABA Model Not-for-Profit Corporation Act.

UNIFORM ENVIRONMENTAL COVENANTS ACT (2003)

Adoptions..... 27

Purpose..... This act deals with the future use of contaminated real estate, or brownfields. The act provides clear rules for a valid real estate document—an environmental covenant held by a third party—to regulate the use of brownfields when real estate is transferred from one owner to another.

Related Act..... Conservation Easement.

UNIFORM ESTATE TAX APPORTIONMENT ACT (2003)

Adoptions..... 8

Purpose..... Provides procedures in apportioning the burden of estate taxes among beneficiaries.

Related Acts..... Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death; Probate Code.

Supersedes..... Estate Tax Apportionment (1958)(1982)

MODEL RULES OF EVIDENCE (1999)

Adoptions..... 1

Purpose..... The primary object of this act is to simplify and codify the rules pertaining to what may be introduced in evidence in any civil or criminal trial in a court of law. It reflects closely the federal rules of evidence.

Related Acts..... Child Witness Testimony by Alternative Methods; Mediation.

Supersedes..... Rules of Evidence (1974)(1986).

UNIFORM FAITHFUL PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS ACT (2010)

Adoptions..... 10

Purpose..... The act provides a statutory remedy in the event a state presidential elector fails to vote in accordance with the voters of his or her state. The act has a state-administered pledge of faithfulness, with any attempt by an elector to submit a vote in violation of that pledge, effectively constituting resignation from the office of elector. The act provides a mechanism for filling a vacancy created for that reason or any other.

UNIFORM FAMILY LAW ARBITRATION ACT (2016)

Adoptions..... 6

Purpose..... This act standardizes the arbitration of family law. It is based in part on the Revised Uniform Arbitration Act, though it departs from the RUAA in areas in which family law arbitration differs from commercial arbitration, such as: standards for arbitration of child custody and child support; arbitrator qualifications and powers; protections for victims of domestic violence. This act is intended to create a comprehensive family law arbitration system for the states.

Related Acts..... Arbitration.

UNIFORM FEDERAL LIEN REGISTRATION ACT (1978)(1982)

Adoptions..... 36

Purpose..... Provides for the registration of federal liens by procedures consistent with normal recording of mortgages in local real property records and with the normal filing of security interests in personal property.

Supersedes..... Federal Tax Lien Registration (1926).

UNIFORM FIDUCIARY ACCESS TO DIGITAL ASSETS ACT (2015), REVISED

Adoptions..... 47

Purpose..... This act allows an internet user to plan for the disposition of digital assets at death or incapacity. Digital assets include email, social media accounts, web sites, document files, and digital photographs. Unless prohibited by the user, the act allows a fiduciary administering the user's estate to legally access all of the user's digital assets except the content of private communications that are protected under federal privacy laws. Fiduciaries may not access the content of electronic communications unless the user consented in an estate plan, but can receive a list of addresses with whom the user communicated to aid in locating the user's digital assets and online accounts. The act also gives legal effect to online tools that allow a user to designate someone to receive access to digital assets in the user's account.

Related Acts..... Guardianship, Conservatorship, and Other Protective Arrangements; Power of Attorney; Probate Code; Trust Code.

UNIFORM FIDUCIARY INCOME AND PRINCIPAL ACT (2018)

Adoptions..... 7

Purpose..... This is an updated version of the Uniform Principal and Income Act, which has been adopted in 47 jurisdictions. It provides a set of modern accounting standards for fiduciaries to allocate receipts and disbursements of a trust or estate between principal and income, and to adjust those allocations as appropriate. This latest version of the act includes innovative and flexible rules on the conversion of an existing to a unitrust, which were omitted from the last major revision approved in 1997 but have since proved to be popular. It also adds a useful section on governing law.

Related Acts..... Probate Code; Prudent Investor; Prudent Management of Institutional Funds; Testamentary Additions to Trusts; Trust Code; Trust Decanting.

Supersedes..... Uniform Principal and Income Act.

UNIFORM FOREIGN-COUNTRY MONEY JUDGMENTS RECOGNITION ACT (2005)

Adoptions..... 30

Purpose..... Revises the Uniform Foreign Money Judgments Recognition Act of 1962, which simplified international business by recognizing money judgments obtained in other nations for the purpose of enforcement. This revision updates the 1962 Act, clarifying its provisions, and correcting problems created by the interpretation of provisions of that Act by the courts over the years since its promulgation.

Related Acts..... Enforcement of Foreign Judgments; Foreign Money Claims; Registration of Canadian Money Judgments Act.

Supersedes..... Foreign Money Judgments Recognition (1962).

UNIFORM FOREIGN MONEY CLAIMS ACT (1989)

Adoptions..... 24

Purpose..... Simplifies international business by allowing courts in the United States to accept or render judgments valued in a foreign currency.

Related Acts..... Enforcement of Foreign Judgments; Foreign-Country Money Judgments Recognition.

UNIFORM FRAUDULENT TRANSFER ACT (1984) *See* UNIFORM VOIDABLE TRANSACTIONS ACT

Adoptions..... 47

Purpose..... Provides a creditor with the means to reach assets a debtor has transferred to another person to keep them from being used to satisfy a debt.

Related Act..... Commercial Code Article 6.

Supersedes..... Fraudulent Conveyance (1918).

UNIFORM GUARDIANSHIP, CONSERVATORSHIP, AND OTHER PROTECTIVE ARRANGEMENTS ACT (2017)

Adoptions..... 2

Purpose..... Revises the Uniform Guardianship and Protective Proceedings Act, originally promulgated in 1969 as part of the Uniform Probate Code, and revised in 1982 and 1997. This revision is a comprehensive and modern guardianship statute that better protects the individual rights of both minors and adults subject to a guardianship or conservatorship order. The act promotes person-centered planning to incorporate an individual's preferences and values into a guardianship order, and requires courts to order the least-restrictive means necessary for protection of persons who are unable to fully care for themselves.

Related Acts..... Adult Guardianship and Protective Proceedings Jurisdiction; Custodial Trust; Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets; Power of Attorney; Probate Code; Recognition of Substitute Decision-Making Documents; Representation of Children in Abuse, Neglect, and Custody Proceedings; Transfers to Minors.

Supersedes..... Guardianship and Protective Proceedings Act.

UNIFORM HEALTH-CARE DECISIONS ACT (2023)

Adoptions..... 0

Purpose..... This act, a revision of the 1993 act, enables individuals to appoint agents to make health care decisions for them should they be unable to make those decisions for themselves, provide their health-care professionals and agents with instructions about their values and priorities regarding their health care, and to indicate particular medical treatment they do or do not wish to receive. It also authorizes certain people to make health-care decisions for individuals incapable of making their own decisions but who have not appointed agents, thus avoiding the need to appoint a guardian or otherwise involve a court in most situations. In addition, it sets forth the related duties and powers of agents and healthcare professionals, and provides protection in the form of immunity to both under specified circumstances.

Related Acts..... Anatomical Gift; Determination of Death.

Supersedes..... Health-Care Decisions Act (1993).

UNIFORM HOME FORECLOSURE PROCEDURES ACT (2015)

Adoptions..... 0

Purpose..... This act provides a balanced set of rules and procedures to standardize and streamline the foreclosure process. The act protects homeowners by requiring adequate notice and documentation before a foreclosure action can proceed. The act protects lenders by precluding contrary municipal ordinances and expediting foreclosure of abandoned properties. Finally, the act includes rules for pre-foreclosure resolutions and negotiated transfers to encourage non-judicial solutions.

Related Acts..... Abandoned Property; Negotiated Alternative to Foreclosure; Nonjudicial Foreclosure; Residential Mortgage Satisfaction.

UNIFORM INTERSTATE DEPOSITIONS AND DISCOVERY ACT (2007)

Adoptions..... 48

Purpose..... This act provides simple procedures for courts in one state to issue subpoenas for out-of-state depositions. The act is simple and efficient: it establishes a simple clerical procedure under which a state subpoena in the “trial state” can be used to issue a subpoena in another state. The act has minimal judicial oversight; the goal is to simplify and standardize the current patchwork of procedures across the various states for deposing witnesses for purposes of out-of-state litigation.

Related Act..... Rules of Evidence.

UNIFORM INTERSTATE ENFORCEMENT OF DOMESTIC-VIOLENCE PROTECTION ORDERS ACT (2000)(2002)

Adoptions..... 21

Purpose..... Establishes uniform procedures that will enable courts to recognize and enforce valid domestic protection orders issued in other jurisdictions.

Related Acts..... Child Abduction Prevention; Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement; Interstate Family Support; Marriage and Divorce.

UNIFORM INTERSTATE FAMILY SUPPORT ACT (1996)(2001)(2008)

Adoptions..... 53; Adoptions of 2008 Amendments.....53

Purpose..... Limits child and family support orders to a single state, eliminating interstate jurisdictional disputes. The act was amended in 2008 to modify the current version of UIFSA’s international provisions to comport with the obligations of the United States under the 2000 Hague Convention on the International Recovery of Child Support and Other Forms of Family Maintenance, which was signed by the President in 2008. The amendments give greater enforcement of U.S. orders abroad; also, foreign orders will be recognized and enforced like orders of other American states.

Related Acts..... Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement; Deployed Parents Custody and Visitation; Interstate Enforcement of Domestic-Violence Protection Orders; Marriage and Divorce; Parentage.

Supersedes..... Reciprocal Enforcement of Support (1950)(1958)(1968).

UNIFORM LIMITED COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION ACT (2007)

Adoptions..... 8

Purpose..... This act addresses the cooperative form of business, a unique business entity which is different from other forms of business organizations. The act creates a new form of business entity and is an alternative to other cooperative and unincorporated structures. The ULCAA provides greater flexibility for outside (non-patron) capital investment while preserving the strengths and principles of the traditional cooperative model.

Related Acts..... Business Organizations; Entity Transactions; Limited Liability Company; Limited Partnership; Partnership; Registered Agents; Unincorporated Nonprofit Associations.

UNIFORM LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ACT (2006)

Adoptions..... 21

Purpose..... Revises the Uniform Limited Liability Company Act of 1996. This act, like its predecessor, permits the formation of limited liability companies (LLCs), which provide the owners with the advantages of both corporate-type limited liability and partnership tax treatment. The new revision preserves the best elements of the original act; addresses questions that have arisen in practice and in litigation; and offers a modern, updated “second generation” Uniform Limited Liability Company Act.

UNIFORM LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ACT (2006) *continued*

Related Acts..... Business Organizations; Entity Transactions; Limited Partnership; Partnership; Protected Series; Registered Agents; Unincorporated Nonprofit Association.

Supersedes..... Limited Liability Company (1996).

UNIFORM LIMITED PARTNERSHIP ACT (2001)

Adoptions..... 24

Purpose..... Provides a more flexible and stable basis for the organization of limited partnerships, helping states stimulate new partnership business ventures. The 2001 revision recognizes modern-day uses of limited partnerships by providing greater flexibility and protection.

Related Acts..... Business Organizations; Entity Transactions; Limited Liability Company; Partnership; Registered Agents; Unincorporated Nonprofit Association.

Supersedes..... Limited Partnership (1916); Limited Partnership (1976)(1983)(1985).

MODEL MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS ACT (1997)

Adoptions..... 2

Purpose..... To modernize, clarify, and make uniform the rules governing the investment and management of public retirement systems' assets. Public retirement systems become trusts operated under rules of prudent investment.

Related Acts..... Prudent Investor; Prudent Management of Institutional Funds.

MODEL MANDATORY DISPOSITION OF DETAINERS ACT (1958)

Adoptions..... 8

Purpose..... Provides for a prompt disposition of detainees by providing that prosecuting officials, upon the request of a prisoner, must move forward with trial on the charge or such charge will be dismissed.

MODEL MANUFACTURED HOUSING ACT (2012)

Adoptions..... 0

Purpose..... This act will allow owners of manufactured houses the option to classify manufactured homes as either real property or personal property. Though some states provide a statutory method by which a manufactured home can be reclassified as real property, the methods are cumbersome and often confusing. The act provides an efficient and effective method for having a manufactured home classified as real property at the time of the first retail sale.

MODEL MARITAL PROPERTY ACT (1983)

Adoptions..... 1

Purpose..... To encourage sharing by spouses of property acquired during marriage, by creating a class of property in which husband and wife have an equal interest.

Related Acts..... Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death; Marriage and Divorce; Premarital and Marital Agreements; Probate Code.

MODEL MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE ACT (1970)(1973)

Adoptions..... 8

Purpose..... This act is a comprehensive marriage and divorce act. It minimizes the number of prohibited marriages, and includes the concept of no-fault divorce. The key ground for dissolution is irretrievable breakdown.

Related Acts..... Child Abduction Prevention; Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement; Interstate Enforcement of Domestic-Violence Protection Orders; Interstate Family Support; Marital Property; Premarital and Marital Agreements; Representation of Children in Abuse, Neglect, and Custody Proceedings.

UNIFORM MEDIATION ACT (2001)(2003)

Adoptions..... 13

Purpose..... Provides rules on the issues of confidentiality and privileges in mediation. The act establishes a privilege of confidentiality for mediators and participants that prohibits what is said during mediation from being used in later legal proceedings. The act was amended in 2003 to add a section on International Conciliation.

Related Acts..... Arbitration; Collaborative Law; Rules of Evidence.

UNIFORM MILITARY AND OVERSEAS VOTERS ACT (2010)

Adoptions..... 16

Purpose..... The act simplifies the process of absentee voting for United States military and overseas civilians by making the process more uniform, efficient, and accessible. The act covers all military personnel and their dependents, as well as U.S. citizens residing outside the United States who are unable to vote in-person. The act applies to all statewide and local elections, as well as to all federal elections, both primary and general.

UNIFORM MONEY SERVICES ACT (2000)(2004)

Adoptions..... 12

Purpose..... Provides a framework for dealing with money laundering issues unique to nondepository providers of financial services, and facilitates and enhances enforcement of existing money laundering provisions.

Related Act Regulation of Virtual-Currency Businesses.

UNIFORM MULTIPLE-PERSON ACCOUNTS ACT (1989)(1998)

Adoptions..... 13

Purpose..... Encourages banks and credit unions to offer POD (pay on death) and agency (convenience) account forms for use by persons desiring some, but not all, incidents of joint accounts, and encourages development of standard forms that will mean the same in all states.

Related Acts..... Custodial Trust; Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death; Probate Code; Simultaneous Death; TOD Security Registration.

MODEL NEGOTIATED ALTERNATIVE TO FORECLOSURE ACT (2017)

Adoptions..... 0

Purpose..... This act allows a mortgage lender and borrower to voluntarily negotiate a workout agreement instead of using the foreclosure process. An agreement that meets the statutory requirements is legally enforceable and has the effect of discharging the borrower's obligation in full and transferring the borrower's rights in the property to the lender. This alternative process can be faster and less expensive than a foreclosure proceeding while still protecting the rights of everyone with an interest in the property.

Related Acts..... Abandoned Property; Home Foreclosure Procedures; Nonjudicial Foreclosure; Residential Mortgage Satisfaction.

MODEL NONJUDICIAL FORECLOSURE ACT (2002)

Adoptions..... 0

Purpose..... Provides procedures for mortgage foreclosures without judicial involvement.

Related Acts..... Abandoned Property; Home Foreclosure Procedures; Negotiated Alternative to Foreclosure; Residential Mortgage Satisfaction.

UNIFORM NONPARENT CUSTODY AND VISITATION ACT (2018)

Adoptions..... 1

Purpose..... This act addresses the rights of third parties other than parents to custody of or visitation with a child. Those rights are also affected by the decision of the United States Supreme Court in *Troxel v. Granville*, 530 U.S. 57 (2000), which held that courts must give deference to decisions of fit parents concerning the raising of children, including concerning grandparents' visitation rights. The act recognizes a right to seek custody or visitation for two categories of individuals: (1) nonparents who have served as consistent caretakers of a child without expectation of compensation, and (2) other nonparents who have a substantial relationship with a child and who demonstrate that denial of custody or visitation would result in harm to the child.

Related Act..... Parentage (2017).

UNIFORM LAW ON NOTARIAL ACTS, REVISED (2010)(2018)(2021)

Adoptions..... 2 (RULONA 2010)

Adoptions..... 16 (RULONA 2018)

Adoptions..... 8 (RULONA 2021)

Purpose..... This act is designed to modernize and clarify the law governing notaries public, their responsibilities and duties, and to provide a stable infrastructure for the performance of notarial acts with respect to electronic records. In particular, the revised act brings the law governing electronic notarial acts on par with laws governing other forms of electronic transactions. The act was amended in 2018 to authorize notaries public to perform notarial acts in the state in which they are commissioned for remotely located individuals using audio-visual communication and identity-proofing technology regardless of where the individual may be located.

Related Acts..... Electronic Transactions; Power of Attorney; Real Property Electronic Recording.

Supersedes..... Law on Notarial Acts (1982).

UNIFORM PARENTAGE ACT (2017)

Adoptions..... 6

Purpose..... Revises the Uniform Parentage Act (UPA) of 2000, which covered several topics, including: the parent-child relationship; voluntary acknowledgments of paternity; registry of paternity; genetic testing; proceedings to adjudicate parentage of children of assisted reproduction. The revised act addresses issues related to same-sex couples, surrogacy, the right of a child to genetic information, de facto parentage, and parentage of children conceived through sexual assault.

Related Acts..... Interstate Family Support; Nonparent Custody and Visitation; Probate Code.

Supersedes..... Parentage (2000) (2002).

UNIFORM PARTITION OF HEIRS PROPERTY ACT (2010)

Adoptions..... 23

Purpose..... The act establishes a hierarchy of remedies for use in those partition actions involving heirs property. The remedies are designed to help those who own heirs property to maintain ownership of their property when possible or to insure that any court-ordered sale of the property is conducted under commercially reasonable circumstances that will protect the owners from losing substantial wealth upon the sale of their property.

Related Act..... Real Property Transfer on Death.

UNIFORM PARTNERSHIP ACT (1994)(1997)

Adoptions..... 43

Purpose..... Modernizes the Uniform Partnership Act of 1914, adopted in every state except Louisiana. Establishes a partnership as a separate legal entity, and not merely as an aggregate of partners.

Related Acts..... Business Organizations; Entity Transactions; Limited Liability Company; Limited Partnership; Registered Agents; Unincorporated Nonprofit Association.

Supersedes..... Partnership (1914).

UNIFORM PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION ACT (2021)

Adoptions..... 0

Purpose..... The Uniform Personal Data Protection Act applies fair information practices to the collection and use of personal data from consumers by business enterprises. The act provides a reasonable level of consumer protection without incurring the compliance and regulatory costs associated with some existing state regimes. The act recognizes that the collection and use of personal data are important features of our modern economy but raise significant issues of privacy and control. The act outlines compatible, incompatible, and prohibited data practices and provides an enforcement mechanism to ensure compliance with the act.

UNIFORM POWER OF ATTORNEY ACT (2006)

Adoptions..... 31

Purpose..... This act provides a simple way for people to deal with their property by providing a power of attorney that survives the incompetence of the principal. While the act is primarily a set of default rules that can be altered by specific provisions within a power of attorney, the act also contains safeguards for the protection of an incapacitated principal.

Related Acts..... Custodial Trust; Guardianship, Conservatorship, and Other Protective Arrangements; Notarial Acts; Probate Code; Recognition of Substitute Decision-Making Documents.

Supersedes..... Statutory Form Power of Attorney.

UNIFORM POWERS OF APPOINTMENT ACT (2013)

Adoptions..... 12

Purpose..... A power of appointment is an estate planning tool that permits the owner of property to name a third party and give that person the power to direct the distribution of that property among some class of permissible beneficiaries. It is an effective and flexible technique used in a wide variety of situations, but there is very little statutory law governing the creation and use of powers of appointment. Instead, estate planning attorneys must rely on a patchwork of state court decisions. The objective of the Uniform Powers of Appointment Act is to codify the existing common law of powers of appointment.

Related Acts..... Directed Trust; Probate Code; Trust Code.

UNIFORM PREMARITAL AND MARITAL AGREEMENTS ACT (2012)

Adoptions..... 2

Purpose..... This act addresses the varying standards on both premarital and marital agreements that have led to conflicting laws, judgments, and uncertainty about enforcement as couples move from state to state. The act harmonizes the standards in existing uniform acts governing premarital and marital agreements, and treats marital agreements and premarital agreements under the same set of principles and requirements.

Supersedes..... Premarital Agreement Act.

Related Acts..... Marital Property; Marriage and Divorce; Probate Code.

UNIFORM PRETRIAL RELEASE AND DETENTION ACT (2020)

Adoptions..... 0

Purpose..... The Uniform Pretrial Release and Detention Act creates a comprehensive procedural framework for release and detention determinations. The provisions of the act address: (1) the use of citations in lieu of arrest for minor offenses; (2) a time limit on when a hearing must be conducted for an individual who is arrested; (3) appointment of counsel; (4) a pretrial risk determination by a court to individualize release or detention; (5) review of a defendant's financial condition so that inability to pay a fee does not lead to detention; and (6) an obligation on the court to consider restrictive conditional release as an alternative to detention.

UNIFORM ACT ON PREVENTION OF AND REMEDIES FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING (2013)

Adoptions:..... 10

Purpose:..... The uniform act provides the three components necessary for ending human trafficking: comprehensive criminal provisions; provisions for victim services; and the establishment of a coordinating body to help government and non-government organizations coordinate their human trafficking activities. A comprehensive uniform act will enable federal, state, and local agencies to better identify victims, provide needed services, and facilitate prosecution.

UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (1969)(1975)(1982)(1987)(1989)(1990)(1991)(1997)(1998) (2002) (2003)(2006)(2008)(2010)(2019)

Adoptions..... 18 ¹

Purpose..... To update and simplify most aspects of state probate law. Article II modernizes the law of wills, intestacy, future interests and establishes similar rules governing the meaning of wills and death benefits under revocable contractual arrangements. Includes spousal protection against disinheritance. Articles III and IV enable, but do not require, informal probate and unsupervised administration of estates, simplifying and reducing procedure and reducing cost. Article V provides a wide range of protective proceedings for problems traditionally remedied by guardianships. Article VI deals with nonprobate transfers on death, includes the TOD Security Registration Act and updates the law on multiple-party accounts. Article VII deals with trust administration, and provides jurisdiction over trust and basic standards for trustees.

Related Acts..... Free-standing acts from the Probate Code: Testamentary Additions to Trusts; Simultaneous Death; Disclaimer of Property Interests; Statutory Rule Against Perpetuities; Wills Recognition; Estate Tax Apportionment; Multiple-Person Accounts; TOD Security Registration; Adult Guardianship and Protective Proceedings Jurisdiction; Power of Attorney; Real Property Transfer on Death.

¹ Although 18 states have adopted the UPC substantially in its entirety, a number of other states have adopted separate articles and sections of the UPC.

Closely related, but not included in the Probate Code, are: Custodial Trust; Determination of Death; Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death; Division of Income for Tax Purposes; Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets; Guardianship, Conservatorship, and Other Protective Arrangements; Marital Property; Parentage; Powers of Appointment; Premarital and Marital Agreements; Principal and Income; Prudent Investor; Recognition of Substitute Decision-Making Documents; Transfers to Minors; Trust Code.

UNIFORM PROTECTED SERIES ACT (2017)

Adoptions..... 4

Purpose..... Provides a comprehensive framework for the formation and operation of a protected series limited liability company. A protected series LLC has both “horizontal” liability shields, as well as the standard “vertical” liability shield. The act integrates into any existing LLC Act, whether it is the Uniform Limited Liability Company Act or not.

Related Act Limited Liability Company.

MODEL PROTECTION OF CHARITABLE ASSETS ACT (2011)

Adoptions..... 1

Purpose..... The Model Protection of Charitable Assets Act confirms the role of the state attorney general in protecting charitable assets. The act provides the attorney general (the term is used in the act to mean the charity regulator in the state) with an inventory of basic information without overburdening the charities or the attorney general with excessive reporting requirements. The act specifies which transactions and legal proceedings require notice and provides for registration and annual reports for some charities.

Related Acts..... Business Organizations; Entity Transactions; Limited Liability Company; Limited Partnership; Partnership; Registered Agents; Unincorporated Nonprofit Association.

MODEL PROTECTION OF GENETIC INFORMATION IN EMPLOYMENT ACT (2010)

Adoptions..... 0

Purpose..... The act comprehensively regulates acquisition, use, retention, and disclosure of genetic information in the context of employment. The act allows individuals to control the privacy of their genetic information, preventing the misuse of that information.

UNIFORM PRUDENT INVESTOR ACT (1994)

Adoptions..... 45

Purpose..... Revamps rules that now govern the actions of trustees. Requires trustees to pursue an investment strategy taking into account such factors as risk and return.

Related Acts..... Division of Income for Tax Purposes; Management of Public Employee Retirement Systems; Principal and Income; Probate Code; Prudent Management of Institutional Funds; Testamentary Additions to Trusts; Trust Code.

UNIFORM PRUDENT MANAGEMENT OF INSTITUTIONAL FUNDS ACT (2006)

Adoptions..... 51

Purpose..... This act, like its predecessor, the Uniform Management of Institutional Funds Act, provides statutory guidelines for management, investment, and expenditures of endowment funds held by charitable institutions. The new act expressly provides for diversification of assets, pooling of assets, and total return investment, to implement whole portfolio management, bringing the law governing charitable institutions in line with modern investment and expenditure practice.

UNIFORM PRUDENT MANAGEMENT OF INSTITUTIONAL FUNDS ACT (2006) *continued*

Related Acts..... Management of Public Employee Retirement Systems; Principal and Income; Prudent Investor; Trust Code; Unincorporated Nonprofit Association.

Supersedes..... Management of Institutional Funds (1972).

UNIFORM PUBLIC EXPRESSION PROTECTION ACT (2020)

Adoptions..... 6

Purpose..... The Uniform Public Expression Protection Act is designed to prevent an abusive type of litigation called a “SLAPP” – strategic lawsuit against public participation. A SLAPP may be filed as a defamation, invasion of privacy, nuisance, or other type of claim, but its real purpose is to silence and intimidate the defendant from engaging in constitutionally protected activities, such as free speech. The Act contains a clear framework for the efficient review and dismissal of SLAPPs.

MODEL PUBLIC MEETINGS DURING EMERGENCIES ACT (2022)

Adoptions..... 0

Purpose..... The Covid-19 pandemic has highlighted the need for public bodies to meet when disasters and other emergencies make in-person meetings of public bodies either impossible or inadvisable. The Model Public Meetings During Emergencies Act is intended to provide a process to ensure that important public meetings can go forward when these events occur consistent with protecting public access to meetings. The act builds on existing state laws authorizing the declaration of emergencies and subjecting public meetings to various procedural and public access requirements. This act is intended to work in harmony with those laws, particularly open meetings and other laws providing for public comment on and participation in the deliberations of public bodies.

MODEL PUBLIC-HEALTH EMERGENCY AUTHORITY ACT (2023)

Adoptions..... 0

Purpose This act is designed to improve the preparedness of states for public health emergencies. Specifically, the act clarifies the powers of a governor to declare a public health emergency and to issue orders in response to that emergency. Simultaneously, the act establishes measures to promote a governor’s accountability to the legislature and to the public at large. The goal of the act is to empower a governor to act quickly and decisively while also clarifying substantive and procedural limitations to a governor’s authority. The model act also imposes a sunset provision on every public-health emergency declaration and public-health emergency order, and it requires a governor to make a new record as a condition of renewing declaration or an order.

MODEL PUNITIVE DAMAGES ACT (1996)

Adoptions..... 0

Purpose..... To provide states with improved procedures for awarding punitive damages, including standards of proof, procedures to control unreasonable awards, and careful court review of punitive damage awards. This act does not provide for an explicit cap on punitive damages.

Related Act Apportionment of Tort Responsibility.

MODEL REAL ESTATE TIME-SHARE ACT (1980)(1982)

Adoptions..... 5

Purpose..... This act contains provisions for the creation and termination of time-share units. It also deals with the management of time-share units, and provides consumer protection for purchasers of time shares.

Related Acts..... Common Interest Ownership; Condominium.

UNIFORM REAL PROPERTY ELECTRONIC RECORDING ACT (2004)

Adoptions..... 38

Purpose..... Provides county clerks and recorders the legal authority to prepare for electronic recording of real property instruments. The act creates legislation authorizing land records officials to begin accepting records in electronic form, storing electronic records, and setting up systems for searching for and retrieving these land records.

Related Acts..... Electronic Transactions; Notarial Acts.

UNIFORM REAL PROPERTY TRANSFER ON DEATH ACT (2009)

Adoptions..... 19

Purpose..... The Uniform Real Property Transfer on Death Act provides a mechanism for the non-probate transfer of land. The act allows an owner of real property to pass the property simply and directly to a beneficiary on the owner's death without probate. The property passes by means of a recorded transfer on death (TOD) deed. During the owner's lifetime, the beneficiary of a TOD deed has no interest in the property and the owner retains full power to transfer or encumber the property or to revoke the deed.

Related Acts..... Partition of Heirs Property; Probate Code; TOD Security Registration Act.

UNIFORM RECOGNITION AND ENFORCEMENT OF CANADIAN DOMESTIC-VIOLENCE PROTECTION ORDERS ACT (2015)

Adoptions..... 8

Purpose..... Provides for the recognition and enforcement of domestic violence protection orders issued by Canadian courts. Canada has granted recognition to protection orders of the United States and other countries in the Uniform Enforcement of Canadian Judgments and Decrees Act. By this act, enacting states accord similar recognition to protection orders from Canada.

Related Act Interstate Enforcement of Domestic Violence Protection Orders.

UNIFORM RECOGNITION OF SUBSTITUTE DECISION-MAKING DOCUMENTS ACT (2014)

Adoptions..... 3

Purpose..... The uniform act is a joint endeavor of the Uniform Law Commission and the Uniform Law Conference of Canada. The project was undertaken to promote the portability and usefulness of substitute decision-making documents for property, health-care, and personal care, without regard to whether the documents are created within or outside of the jurisdiction where a substitute decision is needed. Common examples of substitute decision-making documents include powers of attorney and proxy delegations for personal decision making.

Related Acts..... Custodial Trust; Guardianship, Conservatorship, and Other Protective Arrangements; Power of Attorney; Probate Code.

MODEL REGISTERED AGENTS ACT (2006)

Adoptions..... 13

Purpose..... This act provides states with one registration procedure for registered agents no matter the kind of business entity represented by the agent. Since almost every state requires an entity created in another jurisdiction to designate a registered agent for service of process and other legal proceedings, this act should simplify registration procedures by providing one registered agent database in each state.

Related Acts..... Business Organizations; Entity Transactions; Limited Liability Company; Limited Partnership; Partnership; ABA Model Business Corporation Act; ABA Model Not-for-Profit Corporation Act.

UNIFORM REGISTRATION OF CANADIAN MONEY JUDGMENTS ACT (2019)

Adoptions..... 6

Purpose..... This act will facilitate the enforcement of Canadian money judgments in the United States in a manner comparable to the way U.S. money judgments are enforced in Canada through its Canadian Uniform Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act. This act is intended to supplement the Uniform Foreign-Country Money Judgments Recognition Act (Recognition Act). If a state has not enacted the Recognition Act, it may enact this act at the same time it adopts the Recognition Act as a companion act.

Related Acts..... Foreign-Country Money Judgments Recognition Act.

UNIFORM REGULATION OF VIRTUAL-CURRENCY BUSINESSES ACT (2017)

Adoptions..... 1

Purpose..... Creates a statutory framework for regulating virtual currency business activity, which includes businesses engaged in the exchange of virtual currencies for cash, bank deposits, or other virtual currencies; the transfers of virtual currency between customers; and certain custodial or fiduciary services. The act's unique, three-tiered structure clarifies whether an individual or company engaging in virtual currency business activity is (1) exempt from the act; (2) must register; or (3) must obtain a license.

Related Acts..... Money Services; Supplemental Commercial Law for Uniform Regulation of Virtual-Currency Businesses Act.

MODEL REPRESENTATION OF CHILDREN IN ABUSE, NEGLECT, AND CUSTODY PROCEEDINGS ACT (2006)(2007)

Adoptions..... 0

Purpose..... This act seeks to improve the representation of children in proceedings directly affecting their custody by clearly defining the roles and responsibilities of children's representatives (child-directed counsel, 'best interests' counsel, and non-attorney advocates) and by providing guidelines to courts in appointing representatives. With respect to abuse and neglect cases, while federal law requires the appointment of a 'guardian ad litem' to represent the interests of a child, the act goes further by mandating the appointment of a licensed attorney.

Related Acts..... Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement; Marriage and Divorce.

UNIFORM RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (2015), REVISED

Adoptions..... 0

Purpose..... The Revised Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act is an updated version of the Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act, which was first promulgated in 1972, last amended in 1974, and enacted in more than 20 states. The revised act includes new articles covering the disposition of tenant property in case of abandonment or death, lease termination in case of domestic violence or sexual assault, and the handling of security deposits and unearned rent. The revised act also includes an appendix for states that only want to enact the updated provisions.

Supersedes..... Residential Landlord and Tenant (1972).

MODEL RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SATISFACTION ACT (2004)

Adoptions..... 3

Purpose..... Provides rules and procedures for clearing fully paid residential real estate mortgages from the real property records in every state.

Related Act..... Abandoned Property; Home Foreclosure Procedures; Negotiated Alternative to Foreclosure; Nonjudicial Foreclosure.

UNIFORM RESTRICTIVE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT ACT (2021)

Adoptions..... 0

Purpose..... This act regulates restrictive employment agreements, which are agreements that prohibit or limit an employee or other worker from working after the work relationship ends. Uniformity in this area of the law benefits both employers and employees by enhancing clarity and predictability in our increasingly mobile society. The Uniform Restrictive Employment Agreement Act addresses the enforceability of these agreements, notice and other procedural requirements, choice of law issues, and remedies. The act does not say anything about an agreement monitoring what a worker can or cannot do while employed.

UNIFORM SECURITIES ACT (2002)

Adoptions..... 21

Purpose..... Gives state securities regulators broad powers to investigate, prosecute, and sanction individuals and firms that engage in fraudulent securities transactions. This act is consistent with current federal law.

Related Acts..... Commercial Code Article 8; TOD Security Registration.

Supersedes..... Securities Act (1985)(1988); Securities Act (1958); Sale of Securities (1930).

UNIFORM SIMULTANEOUS DEATH ACT (1993)

Adoptions..... 23

Purpose..... Creates default rule that one must survive another by 120 hours to avoid disputes caused by simultaneous or quickly successive deaths of persons between whom property or death benefits pass on the death of one survived by the other.

Related Acts..... Determination of Death; Multiple-Person Accounts; Probate Code.

UNIFORM SPECIAL DEPOSITS ACT (2023)

Adoptions..... 0

Purpose..... A special deposit is an account at a bank that holds funds that may be paid upon the occurrence of one or more contingencies. Although such accounts are common, the legal protections afforded to them are uncertain and outdated in the context of modern banking. This uniform act minimizes these legal uncertainties by providing clear and executable rules. First, the Act sets forth several elements for when a deposit is considered a “special deposit.” Second, the Act specifies that a special deposit is a debt owed to the beneficiary after determination of a stated contingency. Third, the Act clarifies that a special deposit is remote from a depositor’s bankruptcy estate unless the depositor has a determined right to the special deposit in its capacity as a beneficiary. Finally, the Act reduces the vulnerability created by the prospect of the bank holding the special deposit exercising a right of set off against the special deposit for a mature debt of the depositor or a beneficiary. The Special Deposits Act gives banks and their customers legal certainty that the expectations of special deposit account users will be respected.

MODEL STATE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT (2010)

Adoptions..... 0

Purpose..... This act is an update of both the 1961 and 1980 Model State Administrative Procedure Acts. Consistent with both the 1961 MSAPA and the 1981 MSAPA, this act provides for a uniform minimum set of procedures to be followed by agencies subject to the act. The act creates only procedural rights and imposes only procedural duties. Throughout the act there are provisions that refer generally to other state laws governing related topics. When specific state laws are inconsistent with the provisions of the act, those specific state laws will be controlling.

MODEL STATUTE AND RULE CONSTRUCTION ACT (1995)

Adoptions..... 1

Purpose..... Provides guidelines for drafting and interpreting a state's statutes and administrative rules.

Related Act..... Certification of Questions of Law.

Supersedes..... Model Statutory Construction (1965).

UNIFORM STATUTORY RULE AGAINST PERPETUITIES (1986)(1990)

Adoptions..... 28

Purpose..... Modernizes one part of the law of estates, trusts and future interests. Preserves some future interests that would be declared void by outmoded technicalities in the common-law rule against perpetuities.

Related Acts..... Probate Code; Trust Code.

UNIFORM STATUTORY TRUST ENTITY ACT (2009)

Adoptions..... 2

Purpose..... This act governs the use of statutory trusts as a mode of business organization. A statutory trust provides a flexible business entity that can be used as an alternative to the partnership, limited partnership, limited liability company, and corporate forms of organization. Statutory trusts are commonly used in the mutual fund and securitization industries, and it is also used in certain tax-advantaged real estate transactions. The uniform act modernizes the existing, but outdated, laws governing these types of entities.

Related Act..... Business Organizations.

UNIFORM SUPPLEMENTAL COMMERCIAL LAW FOR THE UNIFORM REGULATION OF VIRTUAL-CURRENCY BUSINESSES ACT (2018)

Adoptions..... 1

Purpose..... This is designed to address the commercial law rights of virtual-currency businesses that have control over their customers' virtual currency and their customers providing to those businesses and customers duties and rights comparable to those enjoyed by customers of securities intermediaries under Article 8, Part 5 of the Uniform Commercial Code. Other goals of the act include enhancing the "negotiability" of virtual currency when transferred or exchanged and enabling owners of virtual currency assets to use their virtual currency as collateral under Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code. The act is a companion to the Uniform Regulation of Virtual-Currency Businesses Act, which was promulgated by the ULC in 2017.

Related Act..... Regulation of Virtual-Currency Businesses Act.

UNIFORM TELEHEALTH ACT (2022)

Adoptions..... 0

Purpose..... In recent years, improvements in telecommunication technologies have transformed the delivery of health care. The arrival of the Covid-19 pandemic greatly expanded patient demand for telehealth services, and many states re-examined laws related to telehealth, often with an eye toward expanding access to care while maintaining protections for patients. The Uniform Telehealth Act has two broad goals. The first is to make clear that, as a general matter, health care services may be provided through telehealth, if doing so is consistent with applicable professional practice standards and the practitioner's scope of practice, as defined by the state in which the patient is located. The second goal is to establish a registration system for practitioners who hold licenses in other states. This act permits a registered practitioner to provide telehealth services to patients located in the state adopting the act.

UNIFORM TESTAMENTARY ADDITIONS TO TRUSTS ACT (1991)

Adoptions..... 25

Purpose..... Modernizes trust and estate law by permitting “pour-over” provisions in wills. These commonly-used provisions merely add money or other property passing at death through probate to *inter vivos* trusts, but may be invalidated by outmoded and overly technical rules. The 1991 amendments expressly permit pour-overs into otherwise unfunded trusts and eliminate the requirement that the trust writing exist when the will is executed.

Related Acts..... Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death; Principal and Income; Probate Code; Prudent Investor; Trust Code.

UNIFORM TOD SECURITY REGISTRATION ACT (1989)(1998)

Adoptions..... 50

Purpose..... Provides non-probate transfer of specifically registered investment securities from owner to named beneficiaries at owner’s death.

Related Acts..... Commercial Code Article 8; Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death; Multiple-Person Accounts; Probate Code; Real Property Transfer on Death; Securities.

UNIFORM TRADE SECRETS ACT (1979)(1985)

Adoptions..... 51

Purpose..... Provides a legal framework for improved trade secret protection for industry.

MODEL TRANSBOUNDARY POLLUTION RECIPROCAL ACCESS ACT (1982)

Adoptions..... 7

Purpose..... To overcome procedural obstacles that prevent a pollution victim in one state or province from seeking enforceable remedies in the state or province where the pollution originated.

UNIFORM TRANSFERS TO MINORS ACT (1983)(1986)

Adoptions..... 52

Purpose..... Updates and expands the usefulness of the Uniform Gifts to Minors Act (1966).

Related Acts..... Custodial Trust; Probate Code.

Supersedes..... Gifts to Minors (1966).

UNIFORM TRUST CODE (2000)(2001)(2003)(2004)(2005)

Adoptions..... 36

Purpose..... To provide a comprehensive model for codifying the law on trusts.

Related Acts..... Directed Trust; Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets; Powers of Appointment; Principal and Income; Probate Code; Prudent Investor; Prudent Management of Institutional Funds; Statutory Rule Against Perpetuities; Testamentary Additions to Trusts; Trust Decanting.

UNIFORM TRUST CODE, INSURABLE INTEREST AMENDMENTS TO THE (2010)

Adoptions..... 7

Purpose..... The amendments attempt to clarify, with respect to trusts, what constitutes an “insurable interest” for purposes of insurance law, while at the same time allowing for the transfer of interest in insurance as property. Personal life insurance trusts are a key component of most modern estate plans, and trust and estate planners create them routinely.

Related Act Trust Code.

UNIFORM TRUST DECANTING ACT (2015)

Adoptions..... 15

Purpose..... “Decanting” is the term used to describe the distribution of assets from one trust into a second trust, like wine is decanted from the bottle to another vessel. Decanting can be a useful strategy for changing the outdated terms of an otherwise irrevocable trust, but can also be abused to defeat the settlor’s intent. The Uniform Trust Decanting Act provides sound rules for reforming an irrevocable trust document within the bounds of the trustee’s discretion and subject to the trustee’s fiduciary duties. The act also prevents decanting when it would defeat a charitable or tax-related purpose of the settlor.

Related Acts..... Powers of Appointment; Principal and Income; Probate Code; Prudent Investor; Prudent Management of Institutional Funds; Testamentary Additions to Trusts; Trust Code.

UNIFORM UNCLAIMED PROPERTY ACT, REVISED (2016)

Adoptions..... 11

Purpose..... Provides a system for transferring property held by an entity other than the rightful owner to the state when it is deemed abandoned by the rightful owner. This revised act updates provisions on numerous issues, including escheat of gift cards and other stored-value cards, life insurance benefits, securities, dormancy periods, and use of contract auditors.

Supersedes..... Disposition of Unclaimed Property (1954); Unclaimed Property (1981); Unclaimed Property (1995).

UNIFORM UNINCORPORATED NONPROFIT ASSOCIATION ACT (2008)

Adoptions..... 6

Purpose..... This act, a revision of the Uniform Unincorporated Nonprofit Association Act of 1996, governs all unincorporated nonprofit associations (UNAs) that are formed or operate in a state that adopts the act. There are hundreds of thousands of UNAs in the United States, including educational, scientific and literary clubs, sporting organizations, political organizations, neighborhood associations and the like. The revised act (RUUNAA) provides a basic legal framework for the operation of UNAs. The revised act extends the nature of UNAs as distinct entities by allowing qualified associations to exist in perpetuity where necessary or convenient to carry out its purposes. The revised act improves upon its predecessor by providing additional guidance, incorporating a number of modern practices, and by eliminating potential conflicts with other bodies of law.

Related Acts..... Business Organizations; Limited Liability Company; Limited Partnership; Partnership; Prudent Management of Institutional Funds.

UNIFORM UNLAWFUL RESTRICTIONS IN LAND RECORDS ACT (2023)

Adoptions..... 0

Purpose This act allows property owners whose deed contains a discriminatory, prohibited restriction to record an amendment to the land records that effectively removes the restriction. Under the Act, individuals who own property in a common interest community that is subject to a prohibited restriction are empowered to record an amendment to the governing instruments that removes the restriction, either by majority vote of the members of the association or by sending a request to the governing body. The act creates a path forward for property owners who want to correct the record on the often painful history of their homes.

UNIFORM UNREGULATED CHILD CUSTODY TRANSFER ACT (2021)

Adoptions..... 3

Purpose..... In some cases, parents find that, after the birth or adoption of their child, they experience considerable difficulty or even inability in caring for or effectively managing the child's behavior, which sometimes lead to families transferring a child to another person outside of the courts and the child welfare system. Without specific regulations directed at these types of unregulated transfers, a transfer of custody might go unnoticed within the child welfare system. The act addresses the transfer of children in these types of cases.

UNIFORM UNSWORN DECLARATIONS ACT (2016)

Adoptions..... 4

Purpose..... This act builds upon the Uniform Unsworn Foreign Declarations Act, which covers unsworn declarations made outside the United States. This new uniform act permits the use of unsworn declarations made under penalty of perjury in state courts when the declaration was made inside the U.S. States that have not enacted the Uniform Unsworn Foreign Declarations Act (UUFDA) should enact this act, as it essentially combines both the UUFDA and the Uniform Unsworn Domestic Declarations Act into one comprehensive act.

Related Acts..... Unsworn Domestic Declarations; Unsworn Foreign Declarations.

UNIFORM UNSWORN DOMESTIC DECLARATIONS ACT (2016)

Adoptions..... 3

Purpose..... This act builds upon the Uniform Unsworn Foreign Declarations Act, which covers unsworn declarations made outside the United States. This new uniform act permits the use of unsworn declarations made under penalty of perjury in state courts when the declaration was made inside the U.S. States that have already enacted the Uniform Unsworn Foreign Declarations Act (UUFDA) should enact this act.

Related Acts..... Unsworn Declarations; Unsworn Foreign Declarations.

UNIFORM UNSWORN FOREIGN DECLARATIONS ACT (2008)

Adoptions..... 25

Purpose..... This act will permit, in state court proceedings, unsworn declarations under penalty of perjury to be executed by witnesses physically located outside the boundaries of the United States in lieu of affidavits, verifications, or other sworn court filings. Under the act, unsworn declarations cannot be used for depositions, oaths of office, oaths related to self-proved wills, declarations recorded under certain real estate statutes, and oaths required to be given before specified officials other than a notary.

Related Acts..... Unsworn Declarations; Unsworn Domestic Declarations.

MODEL VETERANS TREATMENT COURT ACT/RULES (2017)

Adoptions..... 2

Purpose..... Provides guidelines for the establishment of veterans' courts while permitting substantial local discretion necessary to accommodate circumstances in different communities. Some of the issues that the model act and rules address include: what subset of veterans are entitled to diversion into a veterans' court; for what type of offenses is diversion into a veterans' court appropriate; what rights should victims have to participate in proceedings in veterans' courts; and how, in general, should veterans' courts be organized and operated. The act can also be implemented as a set of court rules.

UNIFORM VOIDABLE TRANSACTIONS ACT (1984) (2014)

Adoptions..... 47; Adoptions of 2014 Amendments..... 23

Purpose..... The Uniform Voidable Transactions Act (formerly the Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act) provides a creditor with the means to reach assets a debtor has transferred to another person to keep them from being used to satisfy a debt. The 2014 amendments address a small number of narrowly-defined issues, including a new Section 10 which sets forth a choice of law rule for claims of the nature governed by the act, as well as the addition of uniform rules allocating the burden of proof and defining the standard of proof with respect to claims and defenses under the act.

Related Act..... Commercial Code Article 6.

Supersedes..... Fraudulent Conveyance (1918).

MODEL WAGE GARNISHMENT ACT (2016)

Adoptions..... 0

Purpose..... Currently, every state has a different wage garnishment law and process. This means that employers who do business across multiple states must know and abide by a different, and often complex, law for each jurisdiction. If employers make processing errors calculating garnishments, they may face civil penalties. This act seeks to simplify and clarify wage garnishments for employers, creditors, and consumers by standardizing how the wage garnishment process works and offering plain-language notice and garnishment calculation forms.

MODEL WAGE WITHHOLDING AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROCEDURE ACT (2004)

Adoptions..... 0

Purpose..... Provides for a uniform wage base for computing both income tax withholding and unemployment compensation tax withholding, and uniform reporting and payment requirements for employers.

UNIFORM WILLS RECOGNITION ACT (1977)

Adoptions..... 20

Purpose..... Implements an international convention calling for all countries and states to adopt a uniform formality for executing wills that, if observed, should assure the validity of the will no matter where the testator resides or owns property at the time of death.

Related Acts..... Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death; Probate Code.

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6														Registration of Canadian Money Judgments (2019)
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0														Residential Landlord and Tenant (2015)
0														Restrictive Employment Agreement (2021)
21													★	Securities (2002)
0														Special Deposits (2023)
2														Statutory Trust Entity (2009)(2013)
0														Telehealth (2022)
51													●	Trade Secrets (1979) (1985)
52													●	Transfers to Minors (1983) (1986)
36													★	Trust Code (2000) (2001) (2003) (2004) (2005)
7													★	UTC Insurable Interest Amendment (2010)
15													★	Trust Decanting (2015)
11													★	Unclaimed Property (2016)
6													●	Unincorporated Nonprofit Association (2008)(2011)
0														Unlawful Restrictions in Land Records (2023)
3													★	Unregulated Child Custody Transfer (2021)
4													★	Unsworn Declarations (2016)
3														Unsworn Domestic Declarations (2016)
25													★	Unsworn Foreign Declarations (2008)
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Alaska		★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	Anatomical Gift (1987)
Arizona		★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	Arbitration (1956)
Arkansas		★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	Athlete Agents (2000)
California		★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	Certification of Questions of Law (1967) (1990)
Colorado		★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	Common Interest Ownership (1982) (1994)
Connecticut		★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	Disclaimer of Property Interests (1978)
Delaware		★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death (1971)
District of Columbia		★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	Durable Power of Attorney (1979) (1987)
Florida		★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	Estate Tax Apportionment (1958) (1964) (1982)
Georgia		★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	Foreign Money Judgments Recognition (1962)
Hawaii		★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	Guardianship and Protective Proceedings (1982/1989)
Idaho		★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	Guardianship and Protective Proceedings (1997)
Illinois		★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	Health-Care Decisions (1993)
Indiana		★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	Interstate Family Support (1996) (2001)
Iowa		★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	Limited Liability Company (1996)
Kansas		★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	Limited Partnership (1976/1983/1985)
Kentucky		★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	Management of Institutional Funds (1972)
Louisiana		★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	Notarial Acts (1982)
Maine		★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	Parentage (2000) (2002)
Maryland		★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	Prenatal Agreement (1983)
Massachusetts		★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	Principal and Income (1997) (2000) (2008)
Michigan		★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	Residential Landlord and Tenant (1972)(1974)
Minnesota		★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	Simultaneous Death (1940/1953)
Mississippi		★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	Testamentary Additions to Trusts (1960/1961)
Missouri		★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	Unclaimed Property (1981)
Montana		★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	Unclaimed Property (1995)
Nebraska		★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	Unincorporated Nonprofit Association (1992) (1996)
Nevada		★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	
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New Jersey		★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	
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New York		★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	
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