



# ULC PROJECT LIST

Active Drafting and Study Committees as of July 2022

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## Drafting Committees

- **Conflict of Laws in Trusts and Estates Act**

This committee will draft a uniform or model act to address the problems of conflict of laws in trusts and estates. The committee will address trusts, wills, will substitutes, intestacy, estate administration, fiduciary powers and duties, powers of appointments, powers of attorneys, jurisdictional claims, and statutes of limitations. *This committee first met in spring 2022. The committee's work is available [here](#).*

- **Debt Collection Default Judgments Act**

This drafting committee will draft a uniform or model act or rule applicable to debt collection efforts based on default judgments. *This committee aims to finalize its work in July 2023. The committee's work is available [here](#).*

- **Determination of Death Act**

This committee will update the Uniform Determination of Death Act (1980), which has been enacted in 44 states. Issues to be addressed include the medical criteria for determining death, the distinction between irreversible versus permanent cessation of brain function, the relevance of particular regions of the brain, and several other issues identified by the study committee. *This committee first met in fall 2021. The committee's work is available [here](#).*

- **Health-Care Decisions Act**

The committee will update the Uniform Health-Care Decisions Act. The key issues to be addressed include the determination of capacity; default surrogates (including the priority list of those who can act as surrogate, un-befriended patients, and disagreement among surrogates); barriers to use and execution (including electronic documents, the statutory form, and oral designations); and several other issues. The committee will also give careful consideration to whether mental health issues should be addressed. *This committee aims to finalize its work in July 2023. The committee's work is available [here](#).*

- **Mortgage Modifications Act**

This committee will draft uniform or model state legislation on mortgage modifications. Topics to be addressed include the extent to which the modification of some of the terms of a mortgage loan require the execution and recordation of an instrument modifying the currently recorded mortgage document, as well as the extent to which the mortgage retains its priority to secure repayment of the debt as modified. *This committee aims to finalize its work in July 2023. The committee's work is available [here](#).*

- **Public-Health-Emergency Authority Act**

This committee will draft model state legislation focused on the allocation of authority between state executive branch officials and the legislature (including with respect to preemption of local governments), and processes for the use of such authorities, in responding to public health emergencies including epidemics and pandemics. The committee will provide options to accommodate variations in state constitutions and legal traditions relating to local authority. *This committee aims to finalize its work in July 2023. The committee's work is available [here](#).*

- **Recurring Service Charges Act**

This committee will draft a uniform or model law addressing recurring service charges related to several types of “negative option contracts” in which a consumer is charged until proactively stopping the charges. *This committee was authorized in July 2022 and has not yet met.*

- **Restrictive Covenants in Deeds Act**

This committee will draft uniform or model state legislation enabling an owner of land for which a discriminatory restrictive covenant appears in the chain of title to have that covenant released or expunged from the records. *This committee aims to finalize its work in July 2023. The committee’s work is available [here](#).*

- **Special Deposits Act**

This committee will draft uniform or model state legislation on special deposits. A special deposit resembles a prefunded letter of credit with three parties: a funder, a bank, and a beneficiary. The bank pays the beneficiary if a specified condition occurs. If the specified condition does not occur, the special deposit reverts to the funder. The law of special deposits has not developed much since the 1930s, and a uniform or model act could provide greater clarity in this area. *This committee aims to finalize its work in July 2023. The committee’s work is available [here](#).*

- **Tenancy in Common Ownership Default Rules Act**

The committee will draft uniform or model state legislation to resolve problems arising under common law tenancy in common ownership rules. The committee will develop default rules for management of tenancy in common real estate interests (and the proceeds thereof) that enable less-than-unanimous decisions on at least some management issues while also enabling parties to contract around those rules. *This committee aims to finalize its work in July 2023. The committee’s work is available [here](#).*

- **Unincorporated Organization Acts**

This drafting committee will develop amendments to the Uniform Partnership Act, the Uniform Limited Partnership Act, and the Uniform Limited Liability Company Act, with the understanding that the update does not include wholesale policy revisions. *This committee aims to finalize its work in July 2023. The committee’s work is available [here](#).*

### **Study Committees**

- **Antitrust**

This committee will study the need for and feasibility of a uniform or model act on competition law issues, focused on monopolization and a potential update of the Uniform State Antitrust Act. *This committee was authorized in November 2021.*

- **Assignment for Benefit of Creditors**

This committee will study the need for and feasibility of a uniform or model act on the assignment for benefit of creditors. An assignment for benefit of creditors is a voluntary transfer of property by a debtor to an assignee in trust to apply the property or proceeds thereof to the payment of the debtor’s debts and return the surplus, if any to the debtor. These processes were

designed to close businesses down through a more streamlined and less costly process than bankruptcy; however, many states do not have any legal framework for the process and the processes differ significantly among those states that do have them. *This committee was authorized in January 2022.*

- **Child Participation in Family Court Proceedings**

This committee will study the need for and feasibility of a uniform or model act on the procedures through which a child can participate or not participate in family court proceedings when the child's wishes are legally relevant. *This committee was authorized in November 2021.*

- **Cybercrime**

This committee will study the need for and feasibility of a uniform or model act on cybercrime. Issues to be addressed include the gaps and lack of uniformity in existing state criminal law schemes and the extent to which existing state and federal statutes may be outdated due to technological developments. *This committee was authorized in July 2020.*

- **Election Law**

This committee will study the need for and feasibility of a model act on the subject. *This committee was authorized in February 2021.*

- **Hague Judgments Convention, Final Non-Monetary Judgments, and Interim Relief**

This committee will recommend the most appropriate method for implementing the Hague Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Judgments in Civil or Commercial Matters in the United States and to study the need for and feasibility of one or more uniform acts (including possible revision of the Uniform Foreign-Country Money Judgments Recognition Act) on the topics of the recognition and enforcement of final non-monetary judgments and interim relief. *This committee was authorized in May 2022.*

- **Indian Child Welfare Act Issues**

This committee will study the need for and feasibility of a uniform or model act addressing issues related to the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978, a federal law that governs the removal and out-of-home placement of American Indian children. Some states have implemented statutes aimed at facilitating the application of the federal statute by state courts, but significant gaps remain, and the Supreme Court has granted certiorari in a case reviewing the constitutionality of the federal statute. The study committee will thus examine whether a uniform or model act may be needed either if the federal statute is struck down or to fill remaining gaps if the federal statute is upheld. *This committee was authorized in July 2022.*

- **Military Spouse Occupational Licensing**

This committee will study the need for and feasibility of a uniform or model act on the portability and recognition of professional licenses of military spouses in light of recent developments. Occupational licensure portability remains an enduring problem for military spouses, as the duration of military assignments, coupled with inconsistent, lengthy and expensive relicensing processes, discourages military spouses from seeking licensure. *This committee was authorized in January 2022.*

- **Model Marketable Title Act**

This committee will study the need for and feasibility of updating the Model Marketable Title Act. The Model Act, which was derived from Article 3 of the Uniform Simplification of Land Transfers Act, was promulgated in 1990 and enacted in one state before being withdrawn as obsolete in 2015. However, about 20 states have marketable title statutes, some of which include provisions from the Model Act. *This committee was authorized in July 2022.*

- **Redaction of Personal Information from Public Records**

This committee will study the need for and feasibility of a uniform or model law concerning the redaction of personal information, particularly with respect to judges and other public officials, from real property records and other official public records in order to address safety concerns. *This committee was authorized in July 2021.*

- **Supply Chain Transparency**

The committee will study the need for and feasibility of state legislation dealing with transparency in the context of international supply chains. The committee will determine if state legislation to address the existence of child labor, forced labor, human trafficking, and modern slavery in global supply chains (including within the U.S.) is desirable and feasible. The committee will consider different potential legislative options to prevent these human rights abuses, including: (1) disclosure and transparency laws such as those in existing state legislation; (b) laws requiring companies to engage in supply chain due diligence to address human rights impact more generally; or (c) procurement legislation that would link the receipt of state or local contracts to a company's actions. The committee will specifically consider the issue of what types of businesses might be addressed in such legislation, keeping in mind the special considerations for small and medium-sized enterprises. *This committee was authorized in January 2020.*

- **Transfers to Minors Act**

This committee will study the need for and feasibility of updating the Uniform Transfers to Minors Act. Under this act, which was promulgated in 1983 and amended in 1986, and which has 52 enactments, a person may transfer property to a custodian for the benefit of a minor. *This committee was authorized in January 2022.*

- **U.N. Convention on International Settlement Agreements Resulting from Mediation**

The primary focus of this study committee will be on the potential impact of the U.N. Convention on International Settlement Agreements Resulting from Mediation (also known as the Singapore Convention) on existing state law, including how ratification would affect the Uniform Mediation Act and state contract law. If the study committee should conclude that ratification by the U.S. is desirable, it should consider appropriate methods of implementation. This committee is expected to produce recommendations regarding the Convention rather than a recommendation regarding establishment of a drafting committee. *This committee was authorized in July 2021.*

- **Use of Tenant Information in Rental Decisions**

This committee will study the need for and feasibility of a uniform or model law addressing landlords' use of tenant screening reports in rental decisions. Such reports may give landlords outdated, inaccurate, or incomplete information about prospective tenants' involvement in prior litigation (e.g., if the report states that the tenant was a party to litigation with a previous landlord

but does not disclose that the tenant was the prevailing party). In particular, the committee will focus on identifying how widespread any problems may be and whether any act should be directed primarily at commercial providers of screening reports. *This committee was authorized in February 2021.*

- **Use of Tokens or Other Similar Products in Real Property Transactions**

This committee will study the need for and feasibility of a uniform or model act addressing issues related to the use of non-fungible tokens (or other similar products) in the transfer and financing of real property. *This committee was authorized in July 2022.*