

To: Commissioners, Advisors, and Observers

From: Chair Steve Wilborn
Vice-Chair Anita Ramasastry

Re: Upcoming Drafting Committee Meeting

Date: October 4, 2012

We look forward to seeing many of you in Washington, DC on Friday October 12 for the next meeting of the *Prevention and Remedies for Human Trafficking Act* drafting committee. You should receive a new draft of the Act from the ULC offices in Chicago in the next few days. During the meeting we expect to focus most of our attention on Sections 19 through 27, which deal with civil remedies for trafficking victims, state-provided services, and coordination efforts related to trafficking victims. Those sections have been redrafted in an attempt to capture the guidance we received from the floor discussion at our Annual meeting in Nashville. We will also have a general discussion of the criminal and definition sections, as currently constituted, to ensure the substance of the committee's views are reflected going forward.

There will be two additional meetings of the drafting committee after next week. The first, to be scheduled right after the first of the year will be used to discuss a redraft of the criminal sanction sections. At that meeting we will be joined by Professor Joe Colquitt, from the University of Alabama. Professor Colquitt, an expert in criminal law and criminal statute drafting, has joined our effort, working with Reporter Ross, as an Associate Reporter. The second meeting will be held in the spring at which time final revisions to all sections of the draft will be made in preparation for submission of the Act for approval at the Annual meeting of the Uniform Law Commission in Boston.

With the in depth discussion of the criminal sections being postponed until our next meeting we will only meet Friday and Saturday of next week.

For those of you who will be arriving in DC by late afternoon on Thursday October 11, 2012 please plan on attending a presentation being held at the offices of the Polaris Project, 1832 Connecticut Ave. NW, Washington, D.C., just north of Dupont Circle, at 5:30 P.M. to learn about new research from Northeastern University which identifies the challenges local, state, and federal law enforcement face in identifying, investigating and prosecuting human-trafficking cases, as well as, looking at the effectiveness of current state and federal criminal sanctions.

Steve Wilborn
Anita Ramasastry

Agenda – Meeting October 12-14, 2012
Prevention and Remedies for Human Trafficking

Friday October 12, 2012

8:30 a.m. – Call to Order

- Update from Chair on Annual Meeting and Current Status of Drafting
- Introductions – commissioners, advisors, and observers
- Review of Definitions
- Commence Discussion of Civil Remedies/State Coordination Sections

5:30 p.m. Adjourn

Saturday: October 13, 2012

9:00 a.m. – Meeting Commences

- Continue with Discussion of Civil Remedies/State Coordination Sections
- Begin Discussion of Criminal Provisions – Policy Discussion (issues list will be distributed with current draft)
- Next Steps/Time line for drafting and winter meeting

5:30 p.m. Adjourn