



WHY YOUR STATE SHOULD ADOPT THE UNIFORM REGISTRATION OF CANADIAN MONEY JUDGMENTS ACT

The Uniform Registration of Canadian Money Judgments Act (“Registration Act”) creates a simple registration procedure to recognize and enforce a Canadian money judgment in the United States. The Registration Act is designed to work alongside the Uniform Foreign-Country Money Judgments Recognition Act (“Recognition Act”). Once a Canadian judgment is registered under the Act, it may be enforced in the same way as a judgment rendered in the state. The Registration Act provides the following advantages for enacting states:

- ***Streamlines the recognition and enforcement process.*** Section 6 of the Recognition Act requires a person to file a lawsuit in order to recognize a foreign-country money judgment. The Registration Act, on the other hand, offers an expedited administrative process to accomplish the same goal, helping to reduce legal costs.
- ***Conserves judicial resources.*** The process established in the Registration Act was designed to reduce judicial workload and help decongest court dockets because it does not require the court to hold a full judicial proceeding to recognize and enforce a Canadian money judgment.
- ***Harmonizes with Canadian law.*** The Registration Act establishes a registration procedure similar to the Canadian registration procedure regarding foreign judgments. The similar registration procedures will benefit those registering judgments from Canada in the United States under this Act and those registering United States judgments in Canada under the Canadian statute.
- ***Facilitates commerce between the United States and Canada.*** Canada is one of the United States’ most important trading partners. The Registration Act facilitates commerce between the two countries by offering a streamlined, less expensive procedure for the recognition and enforcement of money judgments, which are a result of commercial activity between the nations.

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