

# **MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE UNIFORM LAW COMMISSION**

Tuesday, September 8, 2015

## **Conference Call**

Richard T. Cassidy, President, called the meeting to order on September 8, 2015, at 11:45 a.m. The following members of the Committee were present: Timothy Berg; William H. Henning; Melissa Hortman, Vice President; Harriet Lansing, Immediate Past President; Ryan Leonard, Chair, Legislative Committee; Carl Lisman, Chair, Scope and Program Committee; Daniel Robbins, Secretary; and Rodney W. Satterwhite. Also present: Liza Karsai, Executive Director; J. Elizabeth Cotton-Murphy, Chief Administrative Officer; Katie Robinson, Legislative Program Director; Benjamin Orzeske, Chief Legislative Counsel; and Commissioner Dale Higer, Chair of the Committee on Liaison with Other Organizations. Commissioners Thomas J. Buiteweg, Treasurer, and Anita Ramasastry, Chair of the Executive Committee, were not able to attend the conference call.

### **1. UNCITRAL Report**

Commissioner Harriet Lansing reported on the UNCITRAL meeting in Vienna, attended by a small delegation of State Department representatives and Commissioner Lansing, concerning a proposed convention on recognition and enforcement of judgment arising out of conciliated commercial settlements. Commissioner Henning noted that the ULC task force is working on a ULC position statement.

### **2. Rose Penn Publishing Contract**

Commissioner Harriet Lansing reported that RosePen has agreed to publish Bryan Garner's *Guidelines for Drafting and Editing Legislation*. In the proposed agreement, Mr. Garner will retain the copyright and RosePen the publication rights. Under the proposed agreement, the ULC will receive royalties of 10%. RosePen agrees to supply up to 350 copies of the book annually to the ULC at cost plus 15%. Commissioner Lansing recommended that the ULC purchase 350 books at a cost estimate of between \$3,500 and \$4,000. Commissioner Cassidy recommended that the ULC purchase enough copies to send a courtesy copy to each legislative reference bureau.

A motion was made and approved authorizing the ULC to enter into a publishing contract with RosePen to publish *Guidelines for Drafting and Editing Legislation*.

Commissioner Cassidy also reported that Wolters Kluwer would like to renegotiate the royalty contract arrangements with ULC. The publisher claims that its usage of ULC product does not justify the payments due under the license agreement, and has requested that the ULC grant a pay-per-use license.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.