

Chair's Column

Although there are no longer any drafting committees working on revisions to the Uniform Commercial Code, the UCC Committee remains active in a variety of ways. In addition to planning CLE programming for the Spring Meeting of the Business Law Section, Committee members are involved in a variety of activities designed to provide timely and useful information to the practicing bar and ensure that commercial transactions can proceed smoothly. What follows is a brief description of some of the most recently inaugurated projects. This description also serves as a call for assistance; anyone interested in becoming involved should contact the person identified.

Two Book Projects

In cooperation with the Publications Committee, the UCC Committee has begun work on new editions to two of its best sellers: [FORMS UNDER REVISED ARTICLE 9 \(2002\)](#); and [THE NEW ARTICLE 9 \(2d ed. 2000\)](#).

The new edition of the Forms book is being edited by [Cindy J. Chernuchin](#), and will include a variety of updated form security agreements, control agreements, opinion letters, as well as some form notifications and acknowledgment letters. Anyone interested in submitting a form or in reviewing those that have been submitted should contact Cindy.

The new edition of the Article 9 book (which will likely be renamed) will include the text and comments of revised Articles 1 and 9, relevant PEB Commentaries, a synopsis of Article 9 prepared by Ed Smith, an index to the provisions of Article 9, and a variety of charts designed to assist practitioners in understanding and applying Article 9. Chief among these will be a chart prepared by Professor [Arnold Rosenberg](#) of foreign filing systems and how they should be treated under § 9-307(c). Anyone interested in submitting additional material for the book should send it to me, [Stephen L. Sepinuck](#).

Weird Collateral

The July/August edition of Business Law Today is hoping to include a symposium of brief articles on "Weird Collateral." No doubt we will be soliciting submissions soon. For now, we are looking for someone willing to serve as the UCC Committee's point person on the symposium. That person will work with one of the BLT board members and with a representative of the Committee on Commercial Finance to select and edit the submissions. Anyone interested should contact me.

New Regional Coordinators

The UCC Committee is in the process of appointing Regional Coordinators to serve as liaison between the UCC Committee of the ABA Business Law Section and state bar associations within their region. This is done primarily through each state bar association's UCC Committee, if it has one. If a state bar association does not have a UCC Committee, then the Regional Coordinator works with whatever the most appropriate and applicable group or leader is. The Regional Coordinators tasks are:

(1) to ensure that the members of the bar within their respective regions are aware of the programming, resources, and publications provided by the UCC Committee and have input into the policies and projects of the UCC Committee.

(2) to assist state and local bars reprise UCC Committee programming at the local level; and

(3) to identify those organizing CLE programs for the UCC Committee attorneys from the area where the programs will be offered who would be effective presenters.

The Regional Coordinators for three regions are already on board:

<p>Jeremy S. Friedberg <u>Southeast Region</u> Ala., D.C., Fla., Ga., Md., N.C., S.C., Va., and W. Va.</p>	<p>Darrell W. Pierce <u>Midwest Region</u> Ill., Ind., Iowa, Mich., Minn., Mont., Neb., N.D., Ohio, S.D., and Wis.</p>	<p>John A. Beckstead <u>West Region</u> Alaska, Ariz., Cal., Colo., Haw., Idaho, Nev., N.M., Or., Utah, Wash., and Wyo.</p>
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Anyone interested in becoming a Regional Coordinator for either the Northeast or South Central Region should contact me.

New Task Force

The UCC Committee and the Committee on Commercial Finance have formed a new joint Task Force on Filing Office Operations and Search Logic. Its tasks are:

(1) to collect and disseminate to those who file and search financing statements information on how filing systems operate, with particular attention to differences among the various offices;

(2) to work with [IACA](#) (the International Association of Commercial Administrators) and individual filing offices to develop, modify, and implement rules that will help filing offices perform their duties and serve their constituencies;

(3) to share with the bar IACA's advice on how best to use the services of filing offices; and

(4) to make recommendations on whether and how the Uniform Commercial Code should be amended to make filing and searching easier, uniform, and more certain to yield the best results.

Anyone interested in joining the Task Force is more than welcome. You may do so by going to the [Task Force's web site](#).

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