

Uniform Law Commission

WILLIAM J. PIERCE WRITING CONTEST

Contest:

The winning article, note, or comment will receive a prize of \$1,000 from the Uniform Law Commission (ULC), and will be eligible for publication in the ULC quarterly newsletter, *Uniform Activities*. Other exceptional articles will also be considered for publication in the newsletter.

Topic:

Any article, note, or comment that addresses a uniform or model act, or an issue arising from a uniform or model act promulgated by ULC may be eligible.

Eligibility:

The contest is open to all students enrolled in any United States law school. The contest is also open to students who have graduated from a U.S. law school within the last year. Essays must be original; they may have been submitted for course credit, but they must not have been written as part of paid employment. Student articles or notes published or scheduled for publication in 2007 are specifically sought for submission. Current and former ULC commissioners and employees are not eligible.

Judging:

All entries will be judged by a panel of ULC Uniform Law Commissioners and officers.

Deadline:

December 31, 2007. The winner will be announced by February 15, 2008.

For More Information:

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ABOUT THE ULC

The Uniform Law Commission (ULC), now in its 116th year, provides states with non-partisan, well-conceived and well-drafted legislation that brings clarity and stability to critical areas of state statutory law.

For more than a century, the ULC has helped improve and develop state statutory law by promulgating and seeking the enactment of uniform state statutes covering a wide variety of subject matter. Some of the ULC's most well-known products include the Uniform Commercial Code, the Uniform Probate Code, the Uniform Transfers to Minors Act, the Uniform Partnership Act, the Uniform Anatomical Gift Act, the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act, and many, many others (see complete list of current uniform acts at www.nccusl.org).

ULC members must be lawyers, qualified to practice law. They are practicing lawyers, judges, legislators and legislative staff and law professors, who have been appointed by state governments as well as the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands to research, draft and promote enactment of uniform state laws in areas of state law where uniformity is desirable and practical.

- ULC strengthens the federal system by providing rules and procedures that are consistent from state to state but that also reflect the diverse experience of the states.
- ULC statutes are representative of state experience, because the organization is made up of representatives from each state, appointed by state government.
- ULC keeps state law up-to-date by addressing important and timely legal issues.
- ULC's efforts reduce the need for individuals and businesses to deal with different laws as they move and do business in different states.
- ULC's work facilitates economic development and provides a legal platform for foreign entities to deal with U.S. citizens and businesses.
- Uniform Law Commissioners donate thousands of hours of their time and legal and drafting expertise every year as a public service, and receive no salary or compensation for their work.
- ULC's deliberative and uniquely open drafting process draws on the expertise of commissioners, but also utilizes input from legal experts, and advisors and observers representing the views of other legal organizations or interests that will be subject to the proposed laws.
- ULC is a state-supported organization that represents true value for the states, providing services that most states could not otherwise afford or duplicate.