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Legislative Update

The 2010 legislative year is off to a great start, thanks mainly to lots of activity in the U.S. Virgin Islands. So far this year, the USVI has already introduced 21 uniform acts, including the entire and up-to-date Uniform Probate Code. The legislature has already passed 19 of those introduced acts; those bills are now on their way to the Governor for signature. There are currently 120 introductions and 3 enactments; these numbers will soon increase as more states begin their legislative sessions.

Upcoming Meetings

- **February 12-14, 2010, Chicago, Illinois**
Drafting Committee to Revise Model State Administrative Procedures Act
Drafting Committee on Oversight of Charitable Assets
- **March 5-6, 2010, Chicago, Illinois**
Drafting Committee on Electronic Recordation of Custodial Interrogations Act
Drafting Committee on Certificate of Title Act for Boats
- **March 5-7, 2010, Chicago, Illinois**
Hague Convention on Choice of Court Agreements
Authentication and Preservation of State Electronic Legal Materials

UIFSA Update

Late last year, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee recommended acceptance of the Hague Convention on Family Maintenance. The Convention has been sent to the Senate floor for advice and consent. The ULC has been told that implementing legislation will be introduced as part of the annual HHS departmental bill. The implementing legislation mandates that states – in order to retain IV-D funding – will need to conform to the updated 2008 UIFSA (Uniform Interstate Family Support Act) by later of October 1, 2011, or January 1 of the calendar year following the first session following enactment of the federal bill; effectively, January 1, 2012.

While it is unclear *when* the federal legislation will pass, there seems to be little doubt that it *will* pass. Therefore, we are recommending that each state consider introducing UIFSA 2008 if it is feasible to do so this year. It may be wise to engage your state child support offices and discuss the changes in UIFSA 2008.

Please contact the Chicago office, specifically Eric Fish (eric.fish@nccusl.org) or Michael Kerr (michael.kerr@nccusl.org), if you have any questions regarding UIFSA 2008.

Member News

Commissioner Mike Wheat of Montana was recently appointed Justice of the Montana Supreme Court by Gov. Brian Schweitzer. He succeeds Justice John Warner, who retired Dec. 31. The appointment is for one year, effective Jan. 1, 2010. Justice Wheat intends to run for state-wide election in 2010 to complete Warner's term, which ends in December 2014.