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Legislative Update

The 2009 legislative year is now underway, and it's shaping up to be a very busy year. Although it's still very early, we have already recorded 15 new enactments, including two recent enactments in Ohio (the Uniform Anatomical Gift Act and the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act). The best news of the year so far: Massachusetts has just enacted the Uniform Probate Code, after many, many years of hard work. Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick signed the UPC into law on January 15.

New Members

Kansas has two new commissioners. Thomas Owens is a state senator from Overland Park, and replaces John Vratil. Sen. Owens is chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee. Lance Kinzer is a state representative from Olathe, and replaces Michael O'Neal. Rep. Kinzer is the chair of the House Judiciary Committee.

Our newest commissioner in Missouri is Lowell Pearson. Mr. Pearson is General Counsel in the Office of the Governor in Jefferson City.

In South Dakota, Thomas J. Deadrick is a state representative from Platte, replacing Sean O'Brien.

Upcoming Meetings

- **January 29 – February 1, 2009, New Orleans, Louisiana**
Committee on Style
- **February 6-7, 2009, Washington, DC**
Drafting Committee on Uniform Record Owners of Business Act
- **February 6-8, 2009, Portland, Oregon**
Review Committee for UCC Article 9
Drafting Committee on Military Services and Overseas Civilian Absentee Voters Act

News from Chicago

The Chicago office recently expanded its staff with the addition of Lucy Grelle as receptionist. Along with her receptionist duties, Lucy provides support to our Development Director and our Publications Coordinator; she also provides additional administrative support when necessary. Welcome aboard, Lucy!

The ULC has grown in another way, too. Liz Cunneen, the ULC staff accountant, recently welcomed her second daughter. Abigail Kristina Cunneen arrived on December 1, 2008, at 7 pounds and 2 ounces. Both mother and baby (and father Sean and big sister Eve) are doing fine. Liz has just returned from maternity leave and is now back in the office on a part-time basis. You can reach Liz on Tuesdays and Wednesdays (and by email on the other days). Congratulations Liz!

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