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Upcoming Meetings

- **March 9-11, 2007, Washington, DC**
Drafting Committee on Business Organizations Act
Drafting Committee on Uniform Cooperative Association Act
Drafting Committee on Uniform Emergency Volunteer Health Practitioners Act
- **March 23-25, 2007, Chicago, Illinois**
Drafting Committee on Uniform Collateral Sanctions and Disqualifications Act
Drafting Committee on Transfer on Death for Real Property Act
- **March 30-31, 2007, Chicago, Illinois**
Joint Editorial Board for Uniform Trust and Estate Acts

New Members

Three new commissioners have been appointed in Colorado. Ken Gordon is a state senator from Denver. Sen. Gordon is the Majority Leader of the Colorado State Senate, and replaces Dan Grossman. Brandon Shaffer is a state senator from Longmont, Colorado, and is Chair of the Colorado Senate Judiciary Committee. Stanley C. Kent is an attorney in Colorado Springs, and replaces William Kaufman.

In Massachusetts, Steven Thomas is our newest associate member, replacing David E. Sullivan. Mr. Thomas is counsel to the Massachusetts State Senate.

In California, our newest commissioner is Dick Ackerman, a state senator from Tustin, in Orange County. Sen. Ackerman is the California Senate Republican Leader, and replaces Joe Dunn.

In Michigan, state senator Gretchen Whitmer, of East Lansing, has been appointed commissioner.

News from the ABA

At its recent midyear meeting, the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association voted to endorse four new uniform acts: the Uniform Anatomical Gift Act; the Uniform Power of Attorney Act; the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act, and the Uniform Child Abduction Prevention Act.

Winner Announced

The winner of this year's William J. Pierce Writing Contest was recently announced. The winning article, written by law student Tracie Kester from the Western New England College School of Law, is entitled: "Can the Dead Hand Control the Dead Body? The Case for a Uniform Bodily Remains Law." This article will be published in an upcoming issue of *The Western New England Law Review*. Ms. Kester received a Certificate of Recognition and a prize of \$500 from NCCUSL. Ms. Kester's essay was one of 14 essays submitted to this contest, which was established in 2004 in honor of Bill Pierce, Past President and long-time Executive Director of the Conference.

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