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REVISIONS UNDER STUDY

1. Uniform Parentage Act Committee

Chair: Honorable Deborah Bell Paseur
Reporter: Penny Davis

This committee is studying the difficult legal issues regarding assisted reproduction and surrogacy agreements/arrangements. Current Alabama law is either silent on these issues or there is inconsistency with no uniform standards, rules, or procedures. By adopting a set of laws in these important areas of family law, Alabama could provide greater legal certainty to all those involved. The committee intends to have a set of proposals ready for the 2024 legislative session.

2. Standing Trust Committee

Chair: Brian Williams
Reporters: Bill Hairston and Vincent Schillicci

The Standing Trust Committee in 2024 continues its comprehensive review and revision of the Uniform Probate Code. The committee is using numerous resources, such as current Alabama case and statutory law, the most recent version of the Uniform Law Commission's model act, and recent actions/adaptations of other states.

3. Standing Real Estate Committee

Chair: John Plunk

The Standing Real Estate Committee voted in the latter part of 2022 to study the Uniform Commercial Real Estate Receivership Act. This Uniform Act was first issued by the Uniform Law Commission in 2015. Since that time either the act or modified versions have been adopted by ten or more states, including Tennessee and Florida. The issues surrounding commercial real estate receiverships have not been closely examined in Alabama in many years. This project will be underway in the first half of 2023.

4. Business Entities Standing Committee

Chair & Reporter: Scott Ludwig

Having successfully completed major revisions to the Alabama Corporate Entities Code recently and this year submitting major revisions to the Non-Profit Entities Code, the committee will next address updates to the law of co-ops in the areas of formation, rights of shareholders, voting procedures, duties of officers and directors, mergers, and dissolutions.

5. Election Law Standing Committee

Chair: Greg Butrus & Mike Jones

The Alabama Law Institute and the Alabama Secretary of State's office are currently forming a new standing advisory committee on election laws. Comprised of representatives from the Attorney General's office, Circuit Clerks' Association, Probate Judges Association, Circuit Judges' Association, County Commission Association, practitioners, Ethics Commission, Governor's Office, Legislators, League of Municipalities, Municipal Clerks, the major political parties, Registrars, Sheriffs Association, and the Supreme Court, this committee will not only look at proposed legislation and the affects of it, but they will also biannually work on reviewing edits for the Alabama Election Handbook.

6. Uniform Guardianship Act Committee

Chair: Hon. Mike Bolin & Vince Schilleci

This new committee is dedicated to examining Alabama's laws concerning adult guardianships in light of the Uniform Law Commission's model act on the topic. By viewing the disparate laws comprising this process as a whole, the committee hopes to eventually draft a bill to streamline and improve this process for all involved by drawing on the innovations laid out in the ULC's bill as well as the experience of a host of practitioners in this area of Alabama law.