

**Uniform Law Commission
Drafting Committee
on
Redaction of Personal Information from Public Records**

June 18, 2024

SUBJECT: Status of Project

TO: Members and Observers of Drafting Committee

FROM: Vincent C. DeLiberato, Jr., Drafting Committee Chair *Vince*

On June 17, 2024, the Executive Committee of the Commission met on our project and decided to postpone a first reading for at least one year. Lisa Jacobs, Chair of the Executive Committee, informed me personally of the decision immediately after the Executive Committee meeting; and she sent me and Vice Chair Houghton a formal notice this morning. The notice stated, in pertinent part:

The Executive Committee's unanimous decision was to postpone your act's first reading for at least a year, so that we can monitor the developments in the New Jersey litigation (and any other relevant litigation) in order to better understand both the First Amendment terrain in this area and also the extent to which the act's enactment prospects would be affected by the possible need for states with broad existing statutes to replace any such statute with something more targeted.

We are grateful for all the work that you and your committee have done thus far to develop a carefully calibrated draft that seeks to balance the safety of judges with constitutional concerns. Please share our thanks with them. Hopefully the coming year will give us more clarity regarding whether the case law and the legislative landscape provides sufficient maneuvering room for a ULC project.

As a result of the decision of the Executive Committee, our Drafting Committee will not be taking any further action. We will see what happens in the future.

The Drafting Committee worked very hard to identify salient policy and constitutional issues and to analyze those issues. The result was a product crafted for thoughtful discussion at the informal session and at the Executive Committee meeting and for a fair and objective decision by the Executive Committee.

I would like to express my appreciation for the effort made by each of you as we proceeded through our task. Many of you began with the Study Committee and continued on the Drafting Committee. Chairing both Committees provided me with an outstanding professional experience and a wonderful personal experience. The decorum, cordiality, and civility of the members and observers was remarkable. It was great to work with all of you.

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