



**Association for
Conflict Resolution**

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ACR Endorses Revised Uniform Arbitration Act

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The Association for Conflict Resolution (ACR) has endorsed the Revised Uniform Arbitration Act (RUAA). At its June 16–17, 2006 meeting, ACR’s Board of Directors adopted the following resolution: “Resolved, that the Association for Conflict Resolution approves the Revised Uniform Arbitration Act (RUAA), promulgated by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (NCCUSL) in 2000. The RUAA is an appropriate Act for those states desiring to adopt the specific law suggested therein, without modification, but with acknowledgement of the concern that the RUAA does not expressly exclude application to labor arbitration under collective bargaining agreements.”

ACR’s decision follows a process that included legislative analysis, a member comment period, a review by leaders of key ACR Sections and a final legislative review using principled criteria. ACR’s Legislative and Public Policy Committee and its Family and Workplace Sections all recommended endorsement. “The decision to endorse the RUAA demonstrates ACR’s ongoing commitment to shaping and influencing public policy,” stated ACR President Terrence T. Wheeler.

The RUAA endorsement also underscores ACR’s commitment to arbitration. “The endorsement of the RUAA by ACR is a significant statement reflecting the organization’s commitment to supporting the fairness and integrity of the arbitration process,” observed Richard D. Fincher, ACR Vice-President, member of the Legislative and Public Policy Committee and Chair of the RUAA subcommittee. “The RUAA reflects modern practice and addresses many subjects raised through the arbitration process. This Board action builds on ACR’s prior conditional endorsement of the Uniform Mediation Act (UMA) and its adoption of the revised Model Standards of Conduct for Mediators.” Earlier this year, ACR also introduced an Advanced Practitioner designation for Labor and Employment Arbitrators.

For more information concerning ACR’s endorsement of the Revised Uniform Arbitration Act, please contact Richard D. Fincher, ACR Vice-President (rdf@workplaceresolutions.com). To learn more about ACR’s public policy efforts, please contact Dr. Gregory Firestone, Chair, ACR Legislative and Public Policy Committee. (frestoneg@aol.com).

About the Association for Conflict Resolution

The Association for Conflict Resolution (ACR) is the nation’s largest conflict resolution membership organization. ACR’s membership is comprised of more than 6,500 members from all facets of the conflict resolution field, including arbitrators, mediators, mediation organizations, program administrators and conflict resolution educators. ACR was launched in January 2001, when the Academy of Family Mediators (AFM), the Conflict Resolution Education Network (CREnet), and the Society of Professionals in Dispute Resolution (SPIDR) officially merged into one organization. For more about ACR, visit <http://www.ACRnet.org>.

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