



Licensing Transactions and Uniform Laws

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ALI/ULC attempts to create new law

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UCC Article 2B:

- Active around 1996-1998
- From 2B's introduction:
"Article 2B deals with transactions in information; it focuses on transactions relating to the 'copyright industries.' This project lies at the heart of maintaining the UCC at the center of commercial contract law."
- Said that if passed in most states, 2B would have been controlling law for transactions encompassing 30% of the economy.

UCC Article 2B's fate

- Opposed on grounds of being anti-consumer, anti-open-source software
- ALI pulled out, project abandoned
- ULC turned effort into UCITA
 - UCITA passed only in MD & VA
 - Many states passed UCITA "bomb shelters" to protect people from attempted MD/VA choice of law