

## Report on Public Policy Position

**Name of section:**

Alternative Dispute Resolution

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**Regarding:**

[Revised Uniform Arbitration Act](#): The 2000 Uniform Arbitration Act revises the UAA of 1956, adopted in 49 states, to reflect new developments in arbitration law.

**Date position was adopted:**

July 11, 2008

**Process used to take the ideological position:**

Position adopted after discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting.

**Number of members in the decision-making body:**

19

**Number who voted in favor and opposed to the position:**

19 Voted for position

0 Voted against position

**Position:**

Support

**Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments:**

Amend Section 21 of the RUAA as follows: 21(a) An arbitrator may not award punitive damages or other exemplary relief unless such award is authorized by statute in a civil action involving the same claim and the evidence produced at the hearing justifies the award under the legal standards otherwise applicable to the claim. 21(e) If an arbitrator awards punitive damages or other exemplary relief under subsection (a), the arbitrator shall specify in the award the statutory and factual basis justifying and authorizing the award and state separately the amount of punitive damages or other exemplary relief.

**The text of any legislation, court rule, or administrative regulation that is the subject of or referenced in this report.**

<http://www.law.upenn.edu/bll/archives/ulc/uarba/arbitrat1213.htm>