



UCC Forms for Use Under Revised Article 9

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Instructions for using the Forms Package:

1. See the index of forms and instructions to find to the form you want to use.
2. Click in the first field of the selected form page to start entering data.
3. Use the tab/shift+tab, arrow keys, and enter key to navigate around the fill-in fields. Fill in the desired text in text fields. A checkbox can be selected by clicking on it, or pressing the space bar when the focus is on the checkbox.
4. Once you have filled in the form as needed, you can print it. To print only the page you are using and not the full package, depending on the print driver you use, select either "Current Page" or "Pages from *x* to *x*" in the print dialog where *x* is the current page of the form or instructions you are using.
5. Users with *Adobe Acrobat* (not just *Adobe PDF Reader*) can edit default text, such as the return address, through the Forms Tool. Right-click on a field and select Properties to edit. *Reader* users will be unable to edit default text, or to save or export filled-in forms. Contact a software vendor or www.adobe.com for Acrobat software.

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UCC FINANCING STATEMENT

FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS (front and back) CAREFULLY

A. NAME & PHONE OF CONTACT AT FILER [optional]

B. SEND ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO: (Name and Address)

THE ABOVE SPACE IS FOR FILING OFFICE USE ONLY

1. DEBTOR'S EXACT FULL LEGAL NAME - insert only one debtor name (1a or 1b) - do not abbreviate or combine names

1a. ORGANIZATION'S NAME

OR

1b. INDIVIDUAL'S LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME	SUFFIX
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1c. MAILING ADDRESS

CITY	STATE	POSTAL CODE	COUNTRY
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1d. TAX ID #: SSN OR EIN

ADD'L INFO RE ORGANIZATION DEBTOR	1e. TYPE OF ORGANIZATION	1f. JURISDICTION OF ORGANIZATION	1g. ORGANIZATIONAL ID #, if any
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NONE

2. ADDITIONAL DEBTOR'S EXACT FULL LEGAL NAME - insert only one debtor name (2a or 2b) - do not abbreviate or combine names

2a. ORGANIZATION'S NAME

OR

2b. INDIVIDUAL'S LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME	SUFFIX
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2c. MAILING ADDRESS

CITY	STATE	POSTAL CODE	COUNTRY
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2d. TAX ID #: SSN OR EIN

ADD'L INFO RE ORGANIZATION DEBTOR	2e. TYPE OF ORGANIZATION	2f. JURISDICTION OF ORGANIZATION	2g. ORGANIZATIONAL ID #, if any
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NONE

3. SECURED PARTY'S NAME (or NAME of TOTAL ASSIGNEE of ASSIGNOR S/P) - insert only one secured party name (3a or 3b)

3a. ORGANIZATION'S NAME

OR

3b. INDIVIDUAL'S LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME	SUFFIX
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3c. MAILING ADDRESS

CITY	STATE	POSTAL CODE	COUNTRY
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4. This FINANCING STATEMENT covers the following collateral:

5. ALTERNATIVE DESIGNATION [if applicable]: LESSEE/LESSOR CONSIGNEE/CONSIGNOR BAILEE/BAILOR SELLER/BUYER AG. LIEN NON-UCC FILING

6. This FINANCING STATEMENT is to be filed [for record] (or recorded) in the REAL ESTATE RECORDS. Attach Addendum [if applicable]

7. Check to REQUEST SEARCH REPORT(S) on Debtor(s) [ADDITIONAL FEE] [optional] All Debtors Debtor 1 Debtor 2

8. OPTIONAL FILER REFERENCE DATA

Instructions for National UCC Financing Statement (Form UCC1)

Please type or laser-print this form. Be sure it is completely legible. Read all Instructions, especially Instruction 1; correct Debtor name is crucial. Follow Instructions completely.

Fill in form very carefully; mistakes may have important legal consequences. If you have questions, consult your attorney. Filing office cannot give legal advice. Do not insert anything in the open space in the upper portion of this form; it is reserved for filing office use.

When properly completed, send Filing Office Copy, with required fee, to filing office. If you want an acknowledgment, complete item B and, if filing in a filing office that returns an acknowledgment copy furnished by filer, you may also send Acknowledgment Copy; otherwise detach. If you want to make a search request, complete item 7 (after reading Instruction 7 below) and send Search Report Copy, otherwise detach. Always detach Debtor and Secured Party Copies.

If you need to use attachments, use 8-1/2 X 11 inch sheets and put at the top of each sheet the name of the first Debtor, formatted exactly as it appears in item 1 of this form; you are encouraged to use Addendum (Form UCC1Ad).

A. To assist filing offices that might wish to communicate with filer, filer may provide information in item A. This item is optional.

B. Complete item B if you want an acknowledgment sent to you. If filing in a filing office that returns an acknowledgment copy furnished by filer, present simultaneously with this form a carbon or other copy of this form for use as an acknowledgment copy.

1. **Debtor name:** Enter only one Debtor name in item 1, an organization's name (1a) or an individual's name (1b). Enter Debtor's exact full legal name. Don't abbreviate.
 - 1a. **Organization Debtor.** "Organization" means an entity having a legal identity separate from its owner. A partnership is an organization; a sole proprietorship is not an organization, even if it does business under a trade name. If Debtor is a partnership, enter exact full legal name of partnership; you need not enter names of partners as additional Debtors. If Debtor is a registered organization (e.g., corporation, limited partnership, limited liability company), it is advisable to examine Debtor's current filed charter documents to determine Debtor's correct name, organization type, and jurisdiction of organization.
 - 1b. **Individual Debtor.** "Individual" means a natural person; this includes a sole proprietorship, whether or not operating under a trade name. Don't use prefixes (Mr., Mrs., Ms.). Use suffix box only for titles of lineage (Jr., Sr., III) and not for other suffixes or titles (e.g., M.D.). Use married woman's personal name (Mary Smith, not Mrs. John Smith). Enter individual Debtor's family name (surname) in Last Name box, first given name in First Name box, and all additional given names in Middle Name box.
For both organization and individual Debtors: Don't use Debtor's trade name, DBA, AKA, FKA, Division name, etc. in place of or combined with Debtor's legal name; you may add such other names as additional Debtors if you wish (but this is neither required nor recommended).
 - 1c. An address is always required for the Debtor named in 1a or 1b.
 - 1d. Debtor's taxpayer identification number (tax ID #) — social security number or employer identification number — may be required in some states.
 - 1e,f,g. "Additional information re organization Debtor" is always required. Type of organization and jurisdiction of organization as well as Debtor's exact legal name can be determined from Debtor's current filed charter document. Organizational ID #, if any, is assigned by the agency where the charter document was filed; this is different from tax ID #; this should be entered preceded by the 2-character U.S. Postal identification of state of organization if one of the United States (e.g., CA12345, for a California corporation whose organizational ID # is 12345); if agency does not assign organizational ID #, check box in item 1g indicating "none."
2. If an additional Debtor is included, complete item 2, determined and formatted per Instruction 1. To include further additional Debtors, or one or more additional Secured Parties, attach either Addendum (Form UCC1Ad) or other additional page(s), using correct name format. Follow Instruction 1 for determining and formatting additional names.
 3. Enter information for Secured Party or Total Assignee, determined and formatted per Instruction 1. If there is more than one Secured Party, see Instruction 2. If there has been a total assignment of the Secured Party's interest prior to filing this form, you may either (1) enter Assignor S/P's name and address in item 3 and file an Amendment (Form UCC3) [see item 5 of that form]; or (2) enter Total Assignee's name and address in item 3 and, if you wish, also attaching Addendum (Form UCC1Ad) giving Assignor S/P's name and address in item 12.
 4. Use item 4 to indicate the collateral covered by this Financing Statement. If space in item 4 is insufficient, put the entire collateral description or continuation of the collateral description on either Addendum (Form UCC1Ad) or other attached additional page(s).
 5. If filer desires (at filer's option) to use titles of lessee and lessor, or consignee and consignor, or seller and buyer (in the case of accounts or chattel paper), or bailee and bailor instead of Debtor and Secured Party, check the appropriate box in item 5. If this is an agricultural lien (as defined in applicable Commercial Code) filing or is otherwise not a UCC security interest filing (e.g., a tax lien, judgment lien, etc.), check the appropriate box in item 5, complete items 1-7 as applicable and attach any other items required under other law.
 6. If this Financing Statement is filed as a fixture filing or if the collateral consists of timber to be cut or as-extracted collateral, complete items 1-5, check the box in item 6, and complete the required information (items 13, 14 and/or 15) on Addendum (Form UCC1Ad).
 7. This item is optional. Check appropriate box in item 7 to request Search Report(s) on all or some of the Debtors named in this Financing Statement. The Report will list all Financing Statements on file against the designated Debtor on the date of the Report, including this Financing Statement. There is an additional fee for each Report. If you have checked a box in item 7, file Search Report Copy together with Filing Officer Copy (and Acknowledgment Copy). Note: Not all states do searches and not all states will honor a search request made via this form; some states require a separate request form.
 8. This item is optional and is for filer's use only. For filer's convenience of reference, filer may enter in item 8 any identifying information (e.g., Secured Party's loan number, law firm file number, Debtor's name or other identification, state in which form is being filed, etc.) that filer may find useful.

Note: If Debtor is a trust or a trustee acting with respect to property held in trust, enter Debtor's name in item 1 and attach Addendum (Form UCC1Ad) and check appropriate box in item 17. If Debtor is a decedent's estate, enter name of deceased individual in item 1b and attach Addendum (Form UCC1Ad) and check appropriate box in item 17. If Debtor is a transmitting utility or this Financing Statement is filed in connection with a Manufactured-Home Transaction or a Public-Finance Transaction as defined in applicable Commercial Code, attach Addendum (Form UCC1Ad) and check appropriate box in item 18.

UCC FINANCING STATEMENT ADDENDUM

FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS (front and back) CAREFULLY

9. NAME OF FIRST DEBTOR (1a or 1b) ON RELATED FINANCING STATEMENT

9a. ORGANIZATION'S NAME

OR

9b. INDIVIDUAL'S LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME, SUFFIX
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10. MISCELLANEOUS:

THE ABOVE SPACE IS FOR FILING OFFICE USE ONLY

11. ADDITIONAL DEBTOR'S EXACT FULL LEGAL NAME - insert only one name (11a or 11b) - do not abbreviate or combine names

11a. ORGANIZATION'S NAME

OR

11b. INDIVIDUAL'S LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME	SUFFIX
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11c. MAILING ADDRESS

CITY	STATE	POSTAL CODE	COUNTRY
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11d. TAX ID #: SSN OR EIN

ADD'L INFO RE ORGANIZATION DEBTOR

11e. TYPE OF ORGANIZATION

11f. JURISDICTION OF ORGANIZATION

11g. ORGANIZATIONAL ID #, if any

NONE

12. ADDITIONAL SECURED PARTY'S or ASSIGNOR S/P'S NAME - insert only one name (12a or 12b)

12a. ORGANIZATION'S NAME

OR

12b. INDIVIDUAL'S LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME	SUFFIX
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12c. MAILING ADDRESS

CITY	STATE	POSTAL CODE	COUNTRY
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13. This FINANCING STATEMENT covers timber to be cut or as-extracted collateral, or is filed as a fixture filing.

14. Description of real estate:

16. Additional collateral description:

15. Name and address of a RECORD OWNER of above-described real estate (if Debtor does not have a record interest):

17. Check only if applicable and check only one box.

Debtor is a Trust or Trustee acting with respect to property held in trust or Decedent's Estate

18. Check only if applicable and check only one box.

Debtor is a TRANSMITTING UTILITY

Filed in connection with a Manufactured-Home Transaction — effective 30 years

Filed in connection with a Public-Finance Transaction — effective 30 years

Instructions for National UCC Financing Statement Addendum (Form UCC1Ad)

9. Insert name of first Debtor shown on Financing Statement to which this Addendum is related, exactly as shown in item 1 of Financing Statement.
10. Miscellaneous: Under certain circumstances, additional information not provided on Financing Statement may be required. Also, some states have non-uniform requirements. Use this space to provide such additional information or to comply with such requirements; otherwise, leave blank.
11. If this Addendum adds an additional Debtor, complete item 11 in accordance with Instruction 1 on Financing Statement. To add more than one additional Debtor, either use an additional Addendum form for each additional Debtor or replicate for each additional Debtor the formatting of Financing Statement item 1 on an 8-1/2 X 11 inch sheet (showing at the top of the sheet the name of the first Debtor shown on the Financing Statement), and in either case give complete information for each additional Debtor in accordance with Instruction 1 on Financing Statement. All additional Debtor information, especially the name, must be presented in proper format exactly identical to the format of item 1 of Financing Statement.
12. If this Addendum adds an additional Secured Party, complete item 12 in accordance with Instruction 3 on Financing Statement. In the case of a total assignment of the Secured Party's interest before the filing of this Financing Statement, if filer has given the name and address of the Total Assignee in item 3 of the Financing Statement, filer may give the Assignor S/P's name and address in item 12.
- 13-15. If collateral is timber to be cut or as-extracted collateral, or if this Financing Statement is filed as a fixture filing, check appropriate box in item 13; provide description of real estate in item 14; and, if Debtor is not a record owner of the described real estate, also provide, in item 15, the name and address of a record owner. Also provide collateral description in item 4 of Financing Statement. Also check box 6 on Financing Statement. Description of real estate must be sufficient under the applicable law of the jurisdiction where the real estate is located.
16. Use this space to provide continued description of collateral, if you cannot complete description in item 4 of Financing Statement.
17. If Debtor is a trust or a trustee acting with respect to property held in trust or is a decedent's estate, check the appropriate box.
18. If Debtor is a transmitting utility or if the Financing Statement relates to a Manufactured-Home Transaction or a Public-Finance Transaction as defined in the applicable Commercial Code, check the appropriate box.

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UCC FINANCING STATEMENT AMENDMENT

FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS (front and back) CAREFULLY

A. NAME & PHONE OF CONTACT AT FILER [optional]
B. SEND ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO: (Name and Address)

THE ABOVE SPACE IS FOR FILING OFFICE USE ONLY

1a. INITIAL FINANCING STATEMENT FILE #	1b. This FINANCING STATEMENT AMENDMENT is to be filed [for record] (or recorded) in the REAL ESTATE RECORDS. <input type="checkbox"/>
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2. **TERMINATION:** Effectiveness of the Financing Statement identified above is terminated with respect to security interest(s) of the Secured Party authorizing this Termination Statement.

3. **CONTINUATION:** Effectiveness of the Financing Statement identified above with respect to security interest(s) of the Secured Party authorizing this Continuation Statement is continued for the additional period provided by applicable law.

4. **ASSIGNMENT (full or partial):** Give name of assignee in item 7a or 7b and address of assignee in item 7c; and also give name of assignor in item 9.

5. **AMENDMENT (PARTY INFORMATION):** This Amendment affects Debtor or Secured Party of record. Check only one of these two boxes.
Also check one of the following three boxes and provide appropriate information in items 6 and/or 7.

CHANGE name and/or address: Give current record name in item 6a or 6b; also give new name (if name change) in item 7a or 7b and/or new address (if address change) in item 7c. **DELETE name:** Give record name to be deleted in item 6a or 6b. **ADD name:** Complete item 7a or 7b, and also item 7c; also complete items 7d-7g (if applicable).

6. **CURRENT RECORD INFORMATION:**

6a. ORGANIZATION'S NAME				
OR	6b. INDIVIDUAL'S LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME	SUFFIX

7. **CHANGED (NEW) OR ADDED INFORMATION:**

7a. ORGANIZATION'S NAME				
OR	7b. INDIVIDUAL'S LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME	SUFFIX

7c. MAILING ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	POSTAL CODE	COUNTRY
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7d. TAX ID #: SSN OR EIN	ADD'L INFO RE ORGANIZATION DEBTOR	7e. TYPE OF ORGANIZATION	7f. JURISDICTION OF ORGANIZATION	7g. ORGANIZATIONAL ID #, if any
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NONE

8. **AMENDMENT (COLLATERAL CHANGE):** check only one box.
Describe collateral deleted or added, or give entire restated collateral description, or describe collateral assigned.

9. **NAME OF SECURED PARTY OF RECORD AUTHORIZING THIS AMENDMENT** (name of assignor, if this is an Assignment). If this is an Amendment authorized by a Debtor which adds collateral or adds the authorizing Debtor, or if this is a Termination authorized by a Debtor, check here and enter name of DEBTOR authorizing this Amendment.

9a. ORGANIZATION'S NAME				
OR	9b. INDIVIDUAL'S LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME	SUFFIX

10. OPTIONAL FILER REFERENCE DATA

Instructions for National UCC Financing Statement AMENDMENT (Form UCC3)

Please type or laser-print this form. Be sure it is completely legible. Read all Instructions, especially Instruction 1a; correct file number of initial financing statement is crucial. Follow Instructions completely.

Fill in form very carefully; mistakes may have important legal consequences. If you have questions, consult your attorney. Filing office cannot give legal advice. Do not insert anything in the open space in the upper portion of this form; it is reserved for filing office use.

An Amendment may relate to only one financing statement. Do not enter more than one file number in item 1a.

When properly completed, send Filing Office Copy, with required fee, to filing office. If you want an acknowledgment, complete item B and, if filing in a filing office that returns an acknowledgment copy furnished by filer, you may also send Acknowledgment Copy, otherwise detach. Always detach Debtor and Secured Party Copies.

If you need to use attachments, use 8-1/2 X 11 inch sheets and put at the top of each sheet: "AMENDMENT" and the file number of the initial financing statement to which this Amendment relates; you are encouraged to use Amendment Addendum (Form UCC3Ad).

Always complete items 1a and 9.

A. To assist filing offices that might wish to communicate with filer, filer may provide information in item A. This item is optional.

B. Complete item B if you want an acknowledgment sent to you. If filing in a filing office that returns an acknowledgment copy furnished by filer, present simultaneously with this form a carbon or other copy of this form for use as an acknowledgment copy.

- 1a. **File number:** Enter file number of initial financing statement to which this Amendment relates. Enter only one file number. In some states, the file number is not unique; in those states, also enter in item 1a, after the file number, the date that the initial financing statement was filed.
 - 1b. Only if this Amendment is to be filed or recorded in the real estate records, check box 1b and also, in item 13 of Amendment Addendum, enter Debtor's name, in proper format exactly identical to the format of item 1 of financing statement, and name of record owner if Debtor does not have a record interest.
- Note:* Show purpose of this Amendment by checking box 2, 3, 4, 5 (in item 5 you must check two boxes) or 8; also complete items 6, 7 and/or 8 as appropriate. Filer may use this Amendment form to simultaneously accomplish both data changes (items 4, 5, and/or 8) and a Continuation (item 3), although in some states filer may have to pay a separate fee for each purpose.
2. To terminate the effectiveness of the identified financing statement with respect to security interest(s) of authorizing Secured Party, check box 2. See Instruction 9 below.
 3. To continue the effectiveness of the identified financing statement with respect to security interest(s) of authorizing Secured Party, check box 3. See Instruction 9 below.
 4. To assign (i) all of assignor's interest under the identified financing statement, or (ii) a partial interest in the security interest covered by the identified financing statement, or (iii) assignor's full interest in some (but not all) of the collateral covered by the identified financing statement: Check box in item 4 and enter name of assignee in item 7a if assignee is an organization, or in item 7b, formatted as indicated, if assignee is an individual. Complete 7a or 7b, but not both. Also enter assignee's address in item 7c. Also enter name of assignor in item 9. If partial Assignment affects only some (but not all) of the collateral covered by the identified financing statement, filer may check appropriate box in item 8 and indicate affected collateral in item 8.
- 5,6,7. To change the name and/or address of a party: Check box in item 5 to indicate whether this Amendment amends information relating to a Debtor or a Secured Party; also check box in item 5 to indicate that this is a name and/or address change; also enter name of affected party (current record name, in case of name change) in items 6a or 6b as appropriate; and also give new name (7a or 7b) and/or new address (7c) in item 7.
- 5,6. To delete a party: Check box in item 5 to indicate whether deleting a Debtor or a Secured Party; also check box in item 5 to indicate that this is a deletion of a party; and also enter name (6a or 6b) of deleted party in item 6.
 - 5,7. To add a party: Check box in item 5 to indicate whether adding a Debtor or Secured Party; also check box in item 5 to indicate that this is an addition of a party; also enter all required information in item 7: name (7a or 7b) and address (7c); also, if adding a Debtor, tax ID # (7d) in those states where required, and additional organization Debtor information (7e-g) if added Debtor is an organization. Note: The preferred method for filing against a new Debtor (an individual or organization not previously of record as a Debtor under this file number) is to file a new Financing Statement (UCC1) and not an Amendment (UCC3).
 8. Collateral change. To change the collateral covered by the identified financing statement, describe the change in item 8. This may be accomplished either by describing the collateral to be added or deleted, or by setting forth in full the collateral description as it is to be effective after the filing of this Amendment, indicating clearly the method chosen (check the appropriate box). If the space in item 8 is insufficient, use item 13 of Amendment Addendum (Form UCC3Ad). A partial release of collateral is a deletion. If, due to a full release of all collateral, filer no longer claims a security interest under the identified financing statement, check box 2 (Termination) and not box 8 (Collateral Change). If a partial assignment consists of the assignment of some (but not all) of the collateral covered by the identified financing statement, filer may indicate the assigned collateral in item 8, check the appropriate box in item 8, and also comply with instruction 4 above.
 9. Always enter name of party of record authorizing this Amendment; in most cases, this will be a Secured Party of record. If more than one authorizing Secured Party, give additional name(s), properly formatted, in item 13 of Amendment Addendum (Form UCC3Ad). If the indicated financing statement refers to the parties as lessee and lessor, or consignee and consignor, or seller and buyer, instead of Debtor and Secured Party, references in this Amendment shall be deemed likewise so to refer to the parties. If this is an assignment, enter assignor's name. If this is an Amendment authorized by a Debtor that adds collateral or adds a Debtor, or if this is a Termination authorized by a Debtor, check the box in item 9 and enter the name, properly formatted, of the Debtor authorizing this Amendment, and, if this Amendment or Termination is to be filed or recorded in the real estate records, also enter, in item 13 of Amendment Addendum, name of Secured Party of record.
 10. This item is optional and is for filer's use only. For filer's convenience of reference, filer may enter in item 10 any identifying information (e.g., Secured Party's loan number, law firm file number, Debtor's name or other identification, state in which form is being filed, etc.) that filer may find useful.

UCC FINANCING STATEMENT AMENDMENT ADDENDUM

FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS (front and back) CAREFULLY

11. INITIAL FINANCING STATEMENT FILE # (same as item 1a on Amendment form)

12. NAME OF PARTY AUTHORIZING THIS AMENDMENT (same as item 9 on Amendment form)

12a. ORGANIZATION'S NAME

OR

12b. INDIVIDUAL'S LAST NAME

FIRST NAME

MIDDLE NAME, SUFFIX

13. Use this space for additional information

THE ABOVE SPACE IS FOR FILING OFFICE USE ONLY

Instructions for National UCC Financing Statement AMENDMENT Addendum (Form UCC3Ad)

11. Enter information exactly as given in item 1a on Amendment form.
12. Enter information exactly as given in item 9 on Amendment form.
13. If space on Amendment form is insufficient or you must provide additional information, enter additional information in item 13.



“UCC Revised Article 9 Alert”

Revised Article 9 will be the law of UCC filing in as many as 40 states as of July 1, 2001. The new law will **require significant changes in your filing and searching procedures** as of that date. Our subscribers have been asking us: "Where will I obtain authoritative, practical information about the revised law that I will need to know in order to change operating procedures as of July 1, 2001?"

In response, we have developed a new publication, ***UCC REVISED ARTICLE 9 ALERT***, which will be a subscription service consisting of a series of installments that explain practical aspects of revised Article 9 for the people who prepare, file and search UCC financing statements.¹

UCC ALERT is designed to bring you up to speed before next July in preparing initial UCC filings, amending currently effective UCC filings (i.e. preparing "In Lieu" filings) and conducting UCC searches in this brand new environment. As in *The UCC Filing Guide*, the UCC Alert will provide State Summary sections and charts. These Summaries and Charts will synopsise any specific law variances and how the law is to be implemented in each state

Published in installments, ***UCC ALERT*** will initially focus on a two different topics. The first installment of ***UCC ALERT*** will be available to our subscribers in December 2000.

Subjects to be covered in the first two issues are:

"WHERE TO FILE"—The where to file rules under revised Article 9 are in many instances **entirely different from the current rules**. The fact that some states will not have enacted the revised law by July 1, 2001 further complicates the where to file rules for interstate transactions.

"VARIATIONS ON A MODEL"—Each state has the option of enacting **nonstandard language changes to the model act**. Just as happens today, you will need to know whether a state has enacted peculiar local variations that can trip up the unsuspecting UCC preparer. All currently enacted state statutes (25-30) will be reviewed and summarized in individual state sections.

Later issues will include articles that

- *update earlier issues as more states enact revised Article 9.*
- *explain **how to prepare** the new national UCC financing statement and change forms.*
- *explain how **fixture, timber and mineral filings** should be prepared and submitted.*
- *explain **transition rules** that you need to be aware of.*
- *explain how you need to review active filings submitted prior to July 1, 2001 to make sure they are going to remain effective under revised Article 9.*
- *explain changes in how you will need to conduct **UCC searches** to protect your institution against litigation losses.*

UCC ALERT is available to our subscribers at a special introductory price of \$ 295.00 per year². Call Sales @ 888-239-1127 or Subscriber Services at 800-345-3822 for further information to enter your subscription.

¹ You will be inundated during coming months with offers for publications that deal with the legal aspects of revised Article 9. ***UCC ALERT***, on the other hand, is not a legal publication. Like our publication, *The UCC Filing Guide*, ***UCC ALERT*** will provide you with practical filing and searching advice by answering your "where" and "how to" questions.

² Plus shipping and handling, and applicable sales taxes in NY.

Do You Know? Will You Know?

Do not kid yourself that you will be immune from disaster under revised Article 9 if you just keep on filing according to the high standards you have in place today in your company.

Although we too wish that were true, the transition will not be that simple. In fact, the more you know about revised Article 9 and the plans for its implementation in the 28 states that have enacted it so far, the more you will see that extreme care will be required during the next five (5) to ten (10) years to get both your searching and filing practices right. Otherwise you will find many of your secured loans, leases, etc. are in fact not properly secured. You will have many opportunities to unwittingly turn your company into an unsecured lender.

Are you comforted that your attorneys say they will provide the guidance you need to avoid the pitfalls awaiting the unwary filer or searcher? It is our experience that many attorneys who has not been involved in UCC litigation with respect to filing and searching practices, although well versed in the legal aspects of the UCC, underestimate the policies, procedures and practices that will be necessary to prepare and file UCC forms and search on debtor names under revised Article 9 in ways that will help assure that your company is not the one that ends up in court trying to defend its indefensibly unperfected security position.

Here are some questions you will need to know the answers to come July 1, 2001. We present them now for your consideration because we frankly believe that there is no other publication that will provide you with the answers to many of these questions.

Filing

1. All lenders—Which state(s) will continue to require signatures on UCC forms?
2. All lenders—What special rules will apply to “in lieu of” filings in states that were formerly dual filing states?
3. All lenders—In which state(s) is a secured party possibly subject to criminal penalties for filing a financing statement without first obtaining permission of the debtor?
4. All lenders—In which state is the effective period of a filing accepted on June 30, 2000 different from one accepted on July 1, 2000?
5. All lenders—Where is an entirely new filing office being created?
6. All lenders—Which states will have more than one filing office for non-realty UCC filings?
7. All lenders—
 - a. In which state(s) can you terminate all pre-revised Article 9 filings in the original filing office?
 - b. In which state(s) will local filing offices be required to continue to take filings other than realty-related after June 30, 2001?
8. All lenders—In which state(s) must you put the time of recording of the initial realty-related financing statement on an amendment?
9. All lenders—In which state(s) is the organizational ID # not required on a financing statement?
10. All lenders—Which state(s) require a special notation on financing statements regarding special taxes?
11. Some lenders—What are the situations in which the place to file is where the collateral is located?

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