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TRANSFER ACT (1994)***

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[1] As part of a larger project on review of the *Uniform Court Jurisdiction and Proceedings Transfer Act* and the *Uniform Enforcement of Canadian Judgments and Decrees Act*, the subject of court jurisdiction was chosen as the first issue to consider. A working group was assembled, firstly, for the review of issues in relation to the issue of court jurisdiction.

[2] In 1994, the ULCC adopted the *Uniform Court Jurisdiction and Proceedings Transfer Act*. Except for an amendment in 1995 dealing with a specific issue of a proceeding brought against a vessel, nothing further has occurred in relation to this uniform act.

[3] In 2020 a working group was assembled to consider what, if any, issues should be considered for changes to the court jurisdiction act.

[4] The members of the working group are:

Peter J. M. Lown QC – Alberta - Chair  
Joost Blom QC – Univ of British Columbia - Principle Researcher  
Bradley Albrecht – Gov’t of Alberta  
Frank Pignoli – Gov’t of Ontario  
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Laurence Bergeron - Gouv. de Québec  
Arthur Close QC - British Columbia  
Stephen Pitel – University of Western Ontario  
Genevieve Saumier – McGill University

[5] The working group met on several occasions in 2020 to consider what issues should be considered for changes to the court jurisdiction act and what issues would not form part of the project.

[6] The Appendix is a memorandum prepared by the principal researcher, Joost Blom, QC, Professor Emeritus, Peter A. Allard School of Law, The University of British Columbia.

[7] The working group will continue to meet this year and next with the goal of providing a final report for the Section in 2021.