

# "The Evolution of Trade Secret Law: Reflecting on 30 Years of the Uniform Trade Secrets Act"

On Friday, April 16, 2010, the *Hamline Law Review* will present a symposium to mark the 30th anniversary of the adoption of the Uniform Trade Secrets Act (the UTSA).

The 2010 *Hamline Law Review* Symposium will focus on the history, purpose, and significance of the UTSA. The significance of the UTSA is exemplified, in part, from its drafting history. The UTSA was drafted after issues regarding the creation of a uniform law to govern trade secrets were raised at American Bar Association meetings in the mid-1960s. After years of discussions and development, the UTSA was formally adopted by the National Conference of Commissioners of Uniform State Laws (also known as the Uniform Law Commission) in 1979. In August of 1980, Minnesota became the first state to adopt the UTSA, with the new law going into effect in Minnesota and several other states on January 1, 1981. Since that time, forty-five states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. Virgin Islands have adopted the UTSA, making it the predominate law governing trade secrets in the United States.

The upcoming symposium and the symposium edition of the *Hamline Law Review* will reflect on the history, purpose, and meaning of the UTSA, explore the future of trade secret law, and assess the impact the UTSA has had on trade secret law, domestically and internationally.

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