



WEBINAR ON LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING

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Much legislation still mandates or contemplates the use of written material and processes that require paper documents. The implementation of the UNCITRAL Model Law on Electronic Commerce through Electronic Transactions Acts in many jurisdictions has permitted the use of electronic technologies as an alternative to paper. While legislation of this kind may be useful in the context of commercial transactions, it may not always clearly apply where government processes are involved.

This presentation will explore the problem of drafting legislation to allow for both paper and electronic processes, particularly in the governmental context. The key questions covered include:

- to what extent does the use in legislation of many apparently paper-centric terms (such as document, written, signature, sealed and certified) inhibit the implementation and use of electronic technologies?
- what role can interpretation legislation and Electronic Transactions Acts play?
- can judges, through the application of statutory interpretation principles, help?
- is it possible to future-proof legislation to cater for ongoing developments in electronic technologies?

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