

PRESS RELEASE

For further information contact: Houston Putnam Lowry, Esq. (203) 235-1651
HPLowry@BrownWelsh.com

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONSIDERERS ARBITRATION BILL

(Tuesday, March 1, 2005, Meriden, CT) The General Assembly's Judiciary Committee held a hearing yesterday on Senate Bill 1123, An Act Adopting the Uniform Arbitration Act drafted by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (NCCUSL). Houston Putnam Lowry of the Meriden, CT Brown & Welsh, P.C. law firm (www.BrownWelsh.com) appeared and testified in support of the bill on behalf of the Connecticut Bar Association (CTbar.org).

Connecticut's existing arbitration act pre-dates the 1956 Uniform Act drafted by NCCUSL. NCCUSL updated their act in 2000 to reflect changes over the past fifty years.

"Arbitration-the ability to privately settle disputes by a 'judge' of the parties' own choosing" is very important to business according to Lowry. The first generation of arbitration acts merely said arbitration agreements were enforceable. The newer act describes the procedure for the arbitration if the parties have not otherwise agreed.

Brown & Welsh has a national reputation in business law (domestic and international) and related litigation, arbitration and mediation, including contracts, Uniform Commercial Code (sale of goods, promissory notes, electronic transfer of funds, letters of credit and security interests), bankruptcy, and computer law (including domain name disputes and identity theft).