



Pa. Collaborative Law Act and RUAA Signed into Law

[H.B. 1644](#), sponsored by Rep. Kate Klunk, was signed into law by Gov. Tom Wolf on Thursday, June 28 as Act 55 of 2018. The bill encompasses two major initiatives of the PBA.

H.B. 1644 will enact the Revised Uniform Arbitration Act (RUAA), which was originally introduced as H.B. 781 by Rep. Tedd Nesbit and strengthens and updates arbitration law. The bill will also enact the Pennsylvania Collaborative Law Act, which establishes the practice of collaborative law by statute. These two concepts merged into H.B. 1644 after Senator Stewart J. Greenleaf amended the bill in the Senate to include the language of the RUAA.

Both of these bills were the culmination of many years of work and effort of a lot of PBA members—especially from the PBA Collaborative Law and Alternative Dispute Resolution committees. PBA Legislative Relations thanks Rep. Klunk, Rep. Nesbit, and Sen. Greenleaf for working collaboratively to greatly advance alternatives to litigation, as well as the PBA Collaborative Law and Alternative Dispute Resolution committees for all of their hard work, time and effort in helping to make this a reality.



Pictured (l to r): Ashley P. Murphy, PBA Legislative Counsel; Pa. State Rep. Tedd Nesbit; Pa. State Rep. Kate Klunk; and Fredrick Cabell, PBA Director of Legislative Affairs.