

**BUSINESS COURTS COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT PREPARED FOR THE
DECEMBER 7, 2023 MEETING**

Please describe your committee's activities during the 2022-2023 year toward achievement of the goals outlined in the Section's Strategic Plan. Each question below corresponds to a specific Section of the Plan, a copy of which is attached and to which reference may be made for further guidance in providing responses. If the question is not applicable to your particular committee or directorship, please note as such.

1. Continue to sponsor programs for continuing legal education and skills-based training within the Section. (Article I, 3 of the Strategic Plan).

The Committee does not intend to hold seminars or programs. The Commercial Litigation Committee typically handles this.

2. Address substantive legal issues for committee members. (Article I, 4 of the Strategic Plan).

The Committee meets or communicates as needed.

3. Promote strong committee leadership and active committee member involvement. Please comment on your plan regarding succession. (Article I, 5 of the Strategic Plan).

The Committee is intentionally small. There is currently no succession plan.

4. Provide an alternative source of information and communication for members by improving the website and maintaining and improving social media presence. (Article I, 6 of the Strategic Plan).

The Committee communicates as needed by e-mail or videoconference.

5. (A) monitor and raise awareness of laws or developments in laws that affect Michigan businesses and, when appropriate, make recommendations for updates and improvements;

(B) provide assistance to appropriate state government personnel with respect to business-related legislation and rule making;

(C) as appropriate, providing amicus curiae briefs related to business-related issues being addressed by the courts, and

(D) educate and seek input from Michigan businesses, their owners and employees, and Michigan attorneys about changes to Michigan's laws in order to maintain Michigan's ability to attract and retain new business enterprises and enable existing businesses to remain competitive.

(Article II, 1 of the Strategic Plan).

Generally, the Commercial Litigation Committee handles these kinds of matters. If asked, the Business Courts Committee will also do so.

6. Encourage increased member participation through the development of personal relationships with other Section members. (Article IV, 1 of the Strategic Plan).

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