

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

1. Next Scheduled Meeting of the Committee/Directorship.

No meeting of the Committee is currently scheduled.

2. Council Approval.

No matters require Council approval.

3. Membership.

The membership of the Committee is intentionally small. The members are Judge James M. Alexander (retired Oakland), Judge David J. Allen (Wayne), Judge Victoria A. Valentine (Oakland), Judge Kathryn A. Viviano (Macomb), Judge Michael David Warren, Jr. (Oakland), Judge Christopher P. Yates (Court of Appeals), Bruce Courtade, Jennifer Grieco, Brian Wassom, and yours truly.

4. Accomplishments Toward Committee/Directorship Objectives.

The Committee's objectives are to serve as a liaison between the Business Court Judges and the Business Law Section, to serve as a resource for the Business Court Judges, and to assist the Business Court Judges in whatever ways they and the Business Law Section deem appropriate.

5. Meetings and Programs.

The Committee has communicated by e-mail frequently since the last Council meeting. The Chair believes that the business court judges will soon have a listserv. The Committee was involved in that effort.

6. Publications.

The Committee has published no articles. The Michigan Business Law Journal includes a regular column on the Michigan Business Courts.

7. Methods of Monitoring Legislative/Judicial/Administrative Developments and Recommended Action

The Committee monitors proposed changes in the business court statute and Michigan Court Rules that deal with the Michigan Business Courts. Judge Yates and Judge Alexander have offered to promote the amendments to the business court statute that the Council approved at the October 7, 2023 meeting.

8. Miscellaneous.

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