

BUSINESS COURTS COMMITTEE
REPORT PREPARED FOR THE SEPTEMBER 13, 2025 COUNCIL MEETING

1. 2025-2026 Budget Request and Anticipated Use of Funds.

The Committee requests \$2,000 for the Business Courts Committee with no expected revenue, for a net commitment of \$2,000 from the BLS. The likely use of the funds will be to retain a lobbyist if needed to promote amendments to clarify the jurisdiction of the business courts in shareholder litigation. The Council has already endorsed those amendments. Judge Yates has already located a sponsor (Rep. Lightner).

2. Use of Budgeted Funds during 2024-2025.

The Committee did not spend any BLS funds in 2024-2025.

3. Next Scheduled Meeting of the Committee/Directorship.

No meeting of the Committee is currently scheduled.

4. Council Approval.

No matters other than the requested funds require Council approval.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. Meetings and Programs.

No meetings or programs have occurred since the last Council report.

8. Publications.

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

9. 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.

10. Miscellaneous.

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