

**BUSINESS COURTS COMMITTEE**  
**REPORT PREPARED FOR THE MARCH 5, 2026 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.**

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

**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.

HB 4840 to clarify the jurisdiction of business courts overwhelmingly passed the Michigan House of Representatives. Judge Yates is working with the Michigan State Senate to seek passage there.

**8. Miscellaneous.**

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