

**BUSINESS COURTS COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT PREPARED FOR THE
DECEMBER 3, 2021 ANNUAL MEETING**

Please describe your committee's activities during the 2020-2021 year toward achievement of the goals outlined in the Section's Strategic Plan. Each question below corresponds to a specific Section of the Plan, 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. Sponsorship of programs for Continuing Legal Education via a means accessible to Section Members, including holding at least one program yearly (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. Addressing substantive legal issues for committee members, including holding regular committee meetings (at least twice per year) and reporting on the meetings to the Council (Article I, 4 of the Strategic Plan).

The Committee meets or communicates as needed.

3. Committees chaired by one chair should add a co-chair or vice-chair. Committee leadership to report on growth in committee membership, and active involvement by existing and prospective members, in quarterly and annual reports to the Council. (Article I, 5 of the Strategic Plan).

The Committee is intentionally small.

4. (A) monitoring and raising awareness of laws or developments in laws that affect Michigan businesses and, when appropriate, making recommendations for updates and improvements;

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

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

(D) educating 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.

5. Include social activities as an element of Section activities and educational programs. (Article IV, 1 of the Strategic Plan).

Social activities and educational programs will be handled by the Commercial Litigation Committee.

6. Please list your Committee's goals and objectives for the next 12 to 24 months and whether you will require additional support from the Section to achieve these goals.

The Committee will continue 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.

Respectfully submitted,

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