BUSINESS COURTS COMMITTEE
REPORT PREPARED FOR THE OCTOBER 9, 2026 COUNCIL MEETING

1. 2026-2027 Budget Request and Anticipated Use of Funds.

The Committee requests $4,000 for the Business Courts Committee with no expected revenue, for a net commitment of $4,000 from the BLS. This is in connection with the October 22, 2026 business courts program in Troy and a possible program during the spring of 2027.

2. **Use of Budgeted Funds during 2025-2026.**

The Business Courts Committee co-sponsored (with the In-House Counsel Committee, LLC & Partnerships Committee, and Commercial Litigation Committee) a seminar on Hot Topics in Business Law on May 7, 2026 from 3:30 – 7:30 PM at the Troy, Marriott. See report of the Commercial Litigation Committee.

3. Next Scheduled Meeting of the Committee/Directorship.

No meeting of the Committee is currently scheduled.

4. Council Approval.

No matters 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), and retired 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.

See Commercial Litigation Committee 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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