

***BUSINESS COURTS COMMITTEE  
REPORT PREPARED FOR THE OCTOBER 8, 2022 COUNCIL MEETING***

**1. 2022-2023 Budget Request and Anticipated Use of Funds.**

The Committee does not request any funds for 2022-2023.

**2. Use of Budgeted Funds during 2021-2022.**

The Committee did not spend any BLS funds in 2021-2022.

**3. Next Scheduled Meeting of the Committee.**

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 Alexander (retired Oakland), Judge David Allen (Wayne), Judge Martha Anderson (Oakland), Judge Kathryn Viviano (Macomb), Judge Christopher Yates, Bruce Courtade, Jennifer Grieco, Brian Wassom, and yours truly.

**6. Accomplishments Toward Committee 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.**

The Committee has not met since the last Council meeting.

**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.**

The Michigan Supreme Court has recently made the following appointments to the following business courts:

Kent. Judge Curt A. Benson was appointed to the Kent County Business Court.

Muskegon. Judge Kenneth S. Hoopes was appointed to the Muskegon County Business Court.

Oakland. Judge Victoria A. Valentine replaces Judge Martha Anderson, who is now Chief Judge Pro Tempore of the Oakland County Circuit Court.

Washtenaw. Judge Timothy P. Connors replaces Judge Archie C. Brown who retired.

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