

***BUSINESS COURTS COMMITTEE
REPORT PREPARED FOR THE DECEMBER 5, 2024 COUNCIL MEETING***

1. Next Scheduled Meeting of the Committee/Directorship.

No meeting of the Committee is currently scheduled.

2. Council Approval.

No matters other than the requested funds 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.

See Commercial Litigation Committee report for program on September 12, 2024.

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.

Judge Yates and Judge Alexander plan to work together informally in 2025 to seek passage of proposed amendments to the business court statute. These proposed amendments (approved by the BLS Council) would clarify that shareholder litigation under MCL 450.1489 and LLC litigation under MCL 450.4515 would go to the business court, regardless of whether the company is named as a party.

8. Miscellaneous.

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