

BUSINESS COURTS COMMITTEE
REPORT PREPARED FOR THE DECEMBER 4, 2025 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 any manner 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 pertain to the Michigan Business Courts.

On September 24, 2025, Judge Yates, Judge Alexander, and yours truly (not on behalf of the BLS) testified before the House Judiciary Committee in support of HB 4840. That bill would clarify that shareholder and LLC

member oppression cases under Sections 489 and 515 go to the business courts regardless of whether the business is a party. It would also clarify that proceedings to enforce business court judgments would occur in the business court. The bill was voted out of Committee. On November 4, the bill passed the House by a 99-1 vote.

8. Miscellaneous.

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