

DIRECTORSHIP ON DIVERSITY & INCLUSION
REPORT PREPARED FOR THE SEPTEMBER 28, 2021 COUNCIL MEETING

1. 2021-2022 Budget Request and Anticipated Use of Funds.

\$15,000. The request is for an additional \$10,200, giving us a total remaining budget of \$15000¹. This would allow us to have funds left over after scholarship awards totaling \$4500, providing a healthy budget for other programming efforts that have been delayed during the pandemic.

2. Use of Budgeted Funds during 2020-2021.

During the last budget cycle, our group used \$700 of its \$10,000 budget. We have \$9300 remaining but will be requesting to use \$4500 of the balance to fund three small scholarships for business law students meeting certain criteria related to diversity efforts. (See attached Power Point providing a high level review).

Due to COVID and related closures, we were unable to use the funds for some of our intended purposes during 2020-2021.

3. Next Scheduled Meeting of the Committee/Directorship.

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TBD – We have been communicating by email.

4. Council Approval.

Our group requires permission to set up a scholarship and to dedicate \$4500 of the Directorship budget to funding it. A high-level description of the scholarship is provided in the attached PPT presentation.

5. Membership.

We have added more subscribing members (approximately 10). I have been in communication with members about our proposed new initiatives and we also held a remote meeting with a good turnout over the summer, despite vacations and other obligations.

6. Accomplishments Toward Committee/Directorship Objectives.

¹ The Directorship currently has \$9300 remaining in its budget. If the scholarship is allowed to proceed, it will have \$4800 remaining. A budget request of an additional \$10,200 will provide the Directorship with a total remaining budget of \$15,000.

We have added more subscribing members (approximately 10) and hope to have access to a Listserv for ongoing communication shortly. Work has been done on the scholarship opportunity and I will be sending out an application/call for a Vice Chair in the near future.

7. Meetings and Programs.

After we get the scholarship established, I would like to work on a student ambassador program in an effort to attract more students to the group/spread the word/solicit new ideas for diversity related initiatives. I will likely be reaching out to our Law Schools section to see if they can help to facilitate this work or collaborate on it.

Separately, after the scholarships are awarded, I would like the Directorship to host a small dinner with the recipients and a few members of the Business law Section.

8. Publications.

An ad about our Directorship went out in the Bar Journal in the Spring. There was also a People on the Move article in the GRBJ that was also reported on by MLIVE.

9. Methods of Monitoring Legislative/Judicial/Administrative Developments and Recommended Action

As stated in prior reports.

10. Miscellaneous.