

LLC & PARTNERSHIPS COMMITTEE
REPORT PREPARED FOR THE MARCH 5, 2026 COUNCIL MEETING

1. Next Scheduled Meeting of the Committee/Directorship.

No formal meetings scheduled at this time, however, various committee members connect from time to time to discuss the matters described in No. 5.

2. Council Approval.

The Committee does not request Council approval of any matters at this meeting.

3. Membership.

The Committee remains open to any Business Law Section members who wish to participate. The Committee has several members on its roster. The Committee has reached out to members on its roster to update the same with Business Law Section members who remain interested in actively participating in the Committee.

4. Accomplishments Toward Committee/Directorship Objectives.

Among other matters, the Committee seeks to promote improved legislation and regulation for non-corporate business entities. The Committee generally seeks to keep Michigan entity law competitive with the business law of other states, as well as seeking out opportunities to educate and inform Michigan lawyers, judges, regulators and businesspeople about various entity law matters. See also No. 3.

5. Meetings and Programs.

The Committee is evaluating proposed amendments to be recommended to the legislature for the Michigan Limited Liability Company Act. The Committee has sought feedback and invites further feedback from members of the Committee and other members of the Business Law Section.

The In-House Counsel Committee, the LLC and Partnerships Committee, and the Commercial Litigation Committee will co-sponsor a program on May 7, 2026 from 3:30 – 7:45 PM program at the Troy Marriott.

Below is the tentative schedule.

Registration and Networking

3:30-3:55 PM

Employment Law Update. This will include the most recent case law on the at-will doctrine and employment discrimination, drafting strategies, internal and people management, and possibly I-9 audits. Aaron Burrell, of Dickinson Wright, will present.
4:00 - 4:35 PM

Drafting Corporate Governance and Succession Planning Documents. This will include supply agreements, operating agreements, shareholder agreements, and buy-sell agreements. Gerard Mantese, of Mantese Honigman, PC, will present.
4:35 - 5:10 PM

Artificial Intelligence, Data Security, and Recent AI Case Law. Issues regarding A.I. seem to change on almost a daily basis. One key issue is discoverability of A.I. James Sherer, of Baker Hostetler, will present.
5:10 - 5:45 PM

Litigating in Michigan Business Courts. A rare opportunity for direct dialogue among in-house counsel and Business Court Judges, including Judges David Allen, Judge Matthew Antkoviak, Judge Curt Benson, Judge Annette Berry, Judge Chris Christenson, Judge Muriel Hughes, Judge Victoria Valentine, Judge Jon Van Allsburg, Judge Kathryn Viviano, and, likely, Judge Michael Warren. Doug Toering will moderate.
5:45 - 6:25 PM

In-House Counsel Panel Discussion. Topics will cover regulatory compliance, risk management, intellectual property, the Great Retirement, tariffs, retaining outside counsel, and health and wellness. Names of presenters will be decided soon.
6:25 - 7:05 PM

Internal Investigations. Former Assistant US Attorneys Tom Cranmer, of Miller Canfield, and Ken Chadwell, of Plunkett Cooney, will cover this topic.
7:05 - 7:40 PM

Wrap-up
7:45 PM

There is no charge for judges and in-house counsel. All Circuit Court Judges are invited.

6. Publications.

None since the last meeting of Council.

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

Committee members will review and discuss various developments in connection with updates prepared by the Business Law Section and the materials made available by the State of Michigan. See also No. 3.

8. Miscellaneous.

N/A

Respectfully submitted,

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