LLC AND PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE
REPORT PREPARED FOR THE JUNE 2, 2026 COUNCIL MEETING

1. Next Scheduled Meeting of the Committee/Directorship.

A meeting will be scheduled in July, 2026.

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 LLC and Partnerships Committee co-sponsored this Seminar – "Hot Topics in Business Law" -- took place on May 7, 2026 from 3:30 – 7:30 PM at the Troy, Marriott. The program was very well-attended (about 165 registered) and was well-received, with a significant amount of positive feedback. This was the specific content:

In-House Counsel Panel Discussion: Topics covered regulatory compliance, risk management, tariffs, retaining outside counsel, and health and wellness. Ian Williamson moderated a panel of in-house counsel consisting of: Jason Brainer, Alisha Cieslak, Gloria Hage, David Jaffe, Jacquelynn Kittel, Deanna Kossaras, and Thomas Shaevsky.

Trade Secrets, Non-Compete Agreements, Data Privacy, Drafting Corporate Governance and Succession Planning Documents, and related litigation: Gerard Mantese presented on these issues.

Artificial Intelligence, Data Security, and Recent AI Case Law: James Sherer, of Baker Hostetler, presented.

Litigating in Michigan Business Courts: A panel discussion and dialogue among in-house counsel and business court judges, including Judges David Allen, Judge Matthew Antkoviak, Judge Curt Benson, Judge Annette Berry (unable to attend but submitted written comments), Judge Chris Christenson, Judge Victoria Valentine, Judge Jon Van Allsburg, Judge Kathyrn Viviano, Judge Michael Warren, and Judge Chris Yates. The judges served on a panel with in-house counsel Jessica Fleetham, Brendan Frey, Brett Miller, and Victoria Policicchio. The panel was moderated by Doug Toering.

Employment Law Update: This included the most recent case law on the at-will doctrine and employment discrimination, drafting strategies, and internal and people management. Aaron Burrell, of Dickinson Wright, presented.

Internal Investigations: Former Assistant US Attorneys Tom Cranmer, of Miller Canfield, and Andrew Goetz, of Miller Johnson, presented.

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

6. Publications.

There are no publications scheduled at this time.

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

None at the present.

8. Miscellaneous.

N/A

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