

NOMINATING DIRECTOR REPORT
Prepared for the March 5, 2026, Council Meeting

1. Next Scheduled Meeting of the Directorship.

There are currently no meetings scheduled. A conference call will be scheduled with the officers to discuss nominations in the summer of 2026 for the 2026 Annual Meeting.

2. Council Approval.

There are presently no new council nominations and there are no requests for Council approval. The Nominating Director is NOT recommending any Council action on the number of Council positions to be maintained, despite the resignation referenced below. Unless the Council acts to establish a new number of Council members, the number of voting Council members will remain at fifteen (15) to be filed as needed at the next annual meeting (See Bylaws Article III, Section 5 – Nominations).

3. Membership.

The Nominating Committee consists of the Nominating Director and the Executive Committee of the Council (Bylaws Article III, Section 4). The Executive Committee consists of the Council Officers (Bylaws Article VI, Section 3). Meetings of the Nominating Committee are scheduled on an as needed basis by the Nominating Director.

On December 4, 2025, first term council member Sharan Lee Levine, whose term expires in 2026, resigned her council position in an email sent to the Nominating Director and to Council Chairperson Michale K. Molitor. Sharan thanked the Council for the kindness shown to her, and the privilege of serving on the Council. She stated that “After 47 years, I am closing my practice at year-end.” We thank Sharan for her service and wish her the very best in retirement. I informed her that she could continue to serve the Council in retirement, but she thought it best to retire from the Council concurrently with her retiring from the practice of law. Sharan’s resignation has been accepted with reluctance and that Council position is now vacant.

4. Accomplishments Toward Directorship Objectives.

The Section Council is to consist of not less than twelve (12) nor more than fifteen (15) voting members as determined by the Council from time to time. With the resignation of Sharan Lee Levine, the Council has fourteen (14) voting positions filed. All Officer positions are filled.

Article III, Section 3 of the Section Bylaws provides: “If, during the course of the year, the number of Council members drops to twelve (12) or less, the Council, at a regularly scheduled or special meeting, shall appoint one or more interim Council members as necessary to serve in an interim capacity until the next Annual Section Meeting.” With there being fourteen (14) voting Council members in office, the Council has sufficient members in accordance with the Bylaws. Therefore, no action will be taken to fill the vacated position until nominations are presented for the Annual Meeting this fall.

All Officers, Committee Chairs, and others who have suggestions as to who should be considered to represent the Section on the Council, please send your recommendations to the Nominating Director before June 15, 2026.

The Nominating Director’s function is to coordinate, with the Nominating Committee, the nomination of people for the Business Law Section Council and the Section Officer positions as terms expire and vacancies occur.

Past Chairpersons of the Section automatically remain as ex-officio members of the Council so long as they maintain membership in the Section. Past Chairpersons are not to be included in determining whether a quorum is present at any Council meeting, and they have no right to vote on matters brought before the Council. See Bylaws Article III, Section 1.

The current Council consists of:

<u>Terms Expiring in 2026</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Geography (Firm)</u>
Laura Johnson	2	Metro Detroit (Butzel)
Shanna Kaminski	2	Metro Detroit (Kaminski Law, PLLC)
Loukas Kaliantasis	1	Metro Detroit (Clark Hill)
VACANT due to resignation		
Bruce Courtade	1	Grand Rapids (Rhoades McKee)
<u>Terms Expiring in 2027</u>		
Carrie Leahy	3	Metro Detroit (Bodman)
Mike Molitor	3	Lansing (Cooley Law School)
Hon. Victoria Valentine	1	Metro Detroit (Oakland County Circuit Court)
Ryan Opel	2	Lansing (Honigman)
Patrick Ellis	1	Traverse City (Kuhn Rogers)
<u>Terms Expiring in 2028</u>		
Alexis Lupo	1	Lansing (Corporations Division State of Michigan)
Jovan Dragovic	1	Metro Detroit (Dykema)
Hon. Lita Popke	1	Metro Detroit (JAMS)
Rebecca Papi	1	Metro Detroit (Dickinson Wright)
Patrick Haddad	3	Metro Detroit (Kerr Russell)

The current Council Officers are:

<u>Officer</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Geography (Firm)</u>
Mike Molitor	Chair	Grand Rapids (Cooley Law School)
Carrie Leahy	Vice Chair	Metro Detroit (Bodman)
Patrick Haddad	Treasurer	Metro Detroit (Kerr Russell)
Laura Johnson	Secretary	Metro Detroit (Butzel)

5. Meetings and Programs.

A conference call will be scheduled with the Council officers to discuss nominations in the summer of 2026 for the 2026 Annual Meeting. As a directorship, there are no programs.

6. Publications.

No publications are planned. As for written communication, this directorship will solicit suggestions for Council members from committee chairs and existing Council members for vacancies that may or will occur on the council and among the officers in the upcoming election.

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

This directorship does not monitor or recommend actions regarding legislative, judicial, or administrative development.

8. Miscellaneous.

None.

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