

**NOMINATING DIRECTOR REPORT**  
**Prepared for the October 6, 2023, Annual Meeting and the**  
**Council Meeting following thereafter on October 6 and October 7, 2023**

**I. Director Objective and Meetings**

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

**II. Current Status of Council**

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. The Section Council currently contains fifteen (15) voting members. All positions have been filled during this past year.

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:

<b><u>Terms Expiring in 2023</u></b>	<b><u>Term</u></b>	<b><u>Geography (Firm)</u></b>
Bruce Haffey	2	Metro Detroit (Giarmarco Mullins & Horton PC)
J. Scott Timmer	2	West Coast (Gielow Groom Terpstra)
Brendan Cahill	2	Metro Detroit (Dykema)
Laura Johnson	1	Metro Detroit (Butzel)
Shanna Kaminski	1	Metro Detroit (Kaminski Law, PLLC)
<b><u>Terms Expiring in 2024</u></b>	<b><u>Term</u></b>	<b><u>Geography (Firm)</u></b>
Carrie Leahy	2	Metro Detroit (Bodman)
Mike Molitor	2	Lansing (Cooley Law School)
Hon. Victoria A. Valentine	0	Metro Detroit (Oakland County Circuit Court)
Amber Beebe	1	Grand Rapids (City of Grand Rapids)
Ryan Opel	1	Lansing (Honigman)
<b><u>Terms Expiring in 2025</u></b>	<b><u>Term</u></b>	<b><u>Geography (Firm)</u></b>
Mark Kellogg	4	Lansing (Fraser Trebilcock)
Ian Williamson	3	Metro Detroit (Mantese Honigman)
Hon. Christopher Yates	3	Grand Rapids (Michigan Court of Appeals)
Eric Zacks	2	Metro Detroit (WSU Law School)
Patrick Haddad	2	Metro Detroit (Kerr Russell)

Note that Council members designated as “Term 0” were elected to fill a partial term (normally because of the resignation of the Council Chairperson). Article III, Section 4 of the Bylaws provides that “No person shall be eligible for election to the Council if he or she has served without interruption two full consecutive terms immediately preceding the term for which the election is held”. Therefore, persons elected to serve only part of a term do not, because of such partial term, impact their eligibility to serve two full terms.

Five of the Council member’s terms will expire at the October 2023 Annual Meeting. It is also expected that current chair Mark Kellogg will resign his Council position which will then also need to be filled.

On behalf of the Section, I would like to thank our term-limited members, Bruce Haffey, J. Scott Timmer, Brendan Cahill for two full terms of service. Your work on the Council has benefited the Section and the practice of law in Michigan greatly. We appreciate the time and energy you graciously provided to help guide and strengthen the Business Law Section.

### **III. Council Nominations/Requests for Section Approval**

<b><u>Terms Expiring in 2025</u></b>	<b><u>Term</u></b>	<b><u>Geography (Firm)</u></b>
Alexis Lupo	0	Lansing (Corporations Division State of Michigan)
<b><u>Terms Expiring in 2026</u></b>	<b><u>Term</u></b>	<b><u>Geography (Firm)</u></b>
Laura Johnson	2	Metro Detroit (Butzel)
Shanna Kaminski	2	Metro Detroit (Kaminski Law, PLLC)
Loukas Kaliantasis	1	Metro Detroit (Clark Hill)
Sharan Lee Levine	1	Kalamazoo (Levine & Levine)
Bruce Courtade	1	Grand Rapids (Rhoades McKee)

### **IV. Current Status of Officers**

<b><u>Officer</u></b>	<b><u>Office</u></b>	<b><u>Geography (Firm)</u></b>
Mark Kellogg	Chair	Lansing (Fraser Trebilcock)
Hon. Christopher Yates	Vice Chair	Grand Rapids (Court of Appeals)
Ian Williamson	Treasurer	Metro Detroit (Mantese Honigman)
Mike Molitor	Secretary	Grand Rapids (Cooley Law School)

Officers of the Section are elected by the Council (Bylaws Article IV, Section 1). Recommendations for Officer positions are contained in this Report for the Council meeting to be held immediately following the Annual Meeting.

### **V. Officer Nominations/Requests for Council Approval**

<b><u>Officer</u></b>	<b><u>Office</u></b>	<b><u>Geography (Firm)</u></b>
Hon. Christopher Yates	Chair	Grand Rapids (Court of Appeals)
Ian Williamson	Vice Chair	Metro Detroit (Mantese Honigman)
Mike Molitor	Treasurer	Grand Rapids (Cooley Law School)
Carrie Leahy	Secretary	Metro Detroit (Bodman)

On behalf of the Council, I would like to thank each of the officers for their service. We especially appreciate the service of Mark Kellogg who is concluding his term as Chairperson of the Section. Thank you for your many years of work on the Council. Your labors have benefited the Section greatly and we hope you remain active with the Section.

**VI. Accomplishments toward Directorship Objectives.**

All positions on the Council and all officer positions are filled. 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, 2024.

**VII. Meetings and Programs**

As a directorship, there are no meetings or programs. This directorship solicited suggestions for Council members from committee chairs and existing Council members for the last council and officer election. A conference call will be scheduled with the officers to discuss nominations in the summer of 2024 for the 2024 Annual Meeting.

**VIII. Publications**

The Nominating Director has not provided any publications or written communication for general distribution.

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

State government is not monitored because it is not expected to impact this subject area.

**VIII. Strategic Plan (SP) Goal**

The Nominating Director seeks to attend Council meetings on a regular basis (SP Article III, Goal 3) and liaise with members of Section to seek out new representatives for the Council.

The Nominating Director will seek to work with longstanding committee chairs to recommend successors and to add co-chairs or vice-chairs for succession planning (SP Article III, Goal 5).

The Nominating Committee will seek to add or maintain at least one Council member annually who is not from Metro Detroit or Grand Rapids (SP Article IV, Goal 2, Measurable Outcome 3).

**IX. Budget**

The Nominating Directorship did not seek any budgeted funds for the 2022/2023 year and did not spend any section monies during that time. The Nominating Director is not requesting any budgeted funds for the 2023/2024 year.

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