



PRIVATELY HELD BUSINESS FORUM

STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN BUSINESS LAW SECTION COMMITTEE

REPORT PREPARED FOR THE DECEMBER 4, 2025 COUNCIL MEETING

1. Next Scheduled Meeting of the Forum.

The next scheduled meeting of the PHBF will be in April 2026 – exact time, date and place TBD. The 2024 Annual Meeting of the Forum was held on August 5, 2025 at the offices of Rossman, P.C., at which time a Quorum was established and various action and appointments occurred as previously reflected in the record of PHBF report submissions.

2. Membership.

As of the date of this submission, the membership of the Forum is at 59 members, as reflected on the rolls of the Forum.

3. Accomplishments Toward Forum Objectives.

The PHBF's principal objectives and efforts to achieve them consist of the following:

Production of various programs throughout the year concerning different facets of law and its application in the context of privately held businesses.

- a. On February 13, 2025, the PHBF put on its 7th Annual Business Law Symposium, "Mediation Mastery" at the Gem Theatre in Detroit. The program drew over 100 attendees and participants. Financially, it was a great success, generating \$6,055 in ticket sales. Pictures, video and content for the program can be found at www.bizsymposium.com.
- b. The 8th Annual State Bar of Michigan Business Law Symposium, "The Business of the Lawsuit," will be held on Thursday, February 12, 2026, at The Gem Theatre in Downtown Detroit, from 4:30 – 8:30 PM. The program will feature an incredibly strong slate of attorneys and entirely new formats to facilitate debate, conversation and interaction with the audience.

Presenters include Ret. Judge Victoria Roberts, Ret. Judge Gerald Rosen, Michael Molitor, E. Powell Miller, T. Maxwell

Carey, Daniel Quick, I.W. Winsten, Ian Williamson, Pat Lannen, Mike Weaver, Paul Mersino, Chuck Bullock, James Allen, Sara MacWilliams, Ben Aloia, Joe Duffy, Ryan Plecha, H. Joel Newman, Noah Mathews, Linda Oszust, and Mark Rossman.

The cost of the program is \$135 for in person ticket, and \$50 for a virtual ticket. Doors open at 4:00pm

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

The PHBF does not formally monitor or report on developments in the law.

Respectfully submitted,

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