



***REPORT PREPARED FOR THE MARCH 5, 2025 COUNCIL MEETING***

**1. Next Scheduled Meeting of the PHBF.**

The next scheduled meeting of the PHBF will be in May 2026 – exact time, date and place TBD. The 2025 Annual Meeting of the Forum was held on August 5, 2025 at the offices of Rossman, P.C., at which time a Quorum was formed 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 producing various presentation programs, including, mainly, the Annual Business Law Symposium, which took place this year on February 12, 2026, which, as the program name implies, is the 8<sup>th</sup> year in a row for the event. The program, entitled "The Business of the Lawsuit," drew an audience of 168 to The Gem Theatre in Downtown Detroit. The audience consisted mainly of business litigators, business owners, professors, judges, and law students (the entire Wayne State University Law School Business Law Journal staff attended). The program generated \$18,065 in ticket sales, which is triple the previous year, when we had \$6,055 in ticket sales. Costs to date for the program were \$28,050, with a few thousand in vendor costs still expected to come in at month's end. Total revenue, including the BLS contribution of \$10,000, was \$28,065. Ticket sales were heavily promoted on social media, and through advertising with the State Bar of Michigan and Lawyer's Weekly, which, in addition to the increased cost at the Gem due to the increased headcount due to high ticket sales, gave rise to higher costs than last year (\$18,551). The PHBF has already been approved for an additional \$1,000 toward program costs. A final financial statement, with all costs included, will be submitted before the March 5<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

No sponsorships were accepted for the second year in a row. Implementation of new and innovative formats and structures for conversation worked very well.

Pictures, video and content for the program can be found at [www.bizsymposium.com](http://www.bizsymposium.com), which maintains a video archive of every Symposium.

The program for the event can be accessed at the following link: <https://heyzine.com/flip-book/0b31722a4e.html>

Lawyer's Weekly and Detroit Legal News promoted the program: <https://legalnews.com/Home/Articles?DataId=1589739>

<https://milawyersweekly.com/news/2026/01/05/sbm-hosting-business-symposium-in-february/>

The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Symposium will put be built around the original subject matter of the program: corporate oppression. It will take place in February 2027.

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

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

#### **5. Other Matters**

The PHBF Symposium Committee sincerely thanks the BLS and its officers not only for the financial contribution to the program each year, but also for it's support in terms of managing the treasury components of the program and for otherwise supporting and backing this great program. Special thanks to Professor Molitor who kicked off the program with a wonderful presentation, and also to Pat Haddad, whose efforts making sure bills get paid and revenue accounted for are very much appreciated. In addition, the PHBF thanks the SBM and, in particular, Jennifer Hatter and Terri Shoop, for supporting the program logistically and assisting greatly in the registration and overall promotion of the program.

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