



***REPORT PREPARED FOR THE DECEMBER 5, 2024 COUNCIL  
MEETING***

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

The next scheduled meeting of the PHBF will be in Q1 2025 – exact time, date and place TBD. The 2024 Annual Meeting of the Forum was held on Friday, April 5, 2024 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 16, 2024, the PHBF put on its 6<sup>th</sup> Symposium concerning business law. The program drew over 150 attendees and participants. Financially, it was a great success, generating \$3,120 in ticket sales and \$15,500 in private sponsorship.
- b. The 7th Annual State Bar of Michigan Business Law Symposium, "Mediation Mastery," will be held on Thursday, February 13, 2025, at the Gem Theatre in downtown Detroit, from 5:00 – 9:00. The program will feature individual speakers and panel discussions regarding negotiation and mediation strategy and method. Presenters include Charles "Chip" Brower, Thomas Cranmer, Dan McCarthy, Tom McNeill, E.

Powell Miller, Hon, Denise Langford Morris (Ret.) Hon. Julie Nicholson (Ret.), Jerome Rock, Mark Rossman. This program was recently featured in the Detroit Legal News-  
<https://www.legalnews.com/Home/Articles?DataId=1559751>. The cost of the program is \$135 for in person ticket, and \$50 for a virtual ticket. For information concerning registration, agenda and logistics, see [www.bizsymposium.com](http://www.bizsymposium.com).

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

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

**5. Miscellaneous.**

On November 7, 2024, PHBF Co-Chair, Mark Rossman presented to the Mecosta-Osceola Bar Association in Big Rapids, Michigan on the topic of law firm operation and ownership. The program was entitled *Lawyer's Owning Law Firms – 5 Foundational Principals of Creation, Growth and Protection*, and a copy of the edited transcript is attached hereto and submitted herewith.

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