UCC Committee ANNUAL REPORT PREPARED FOR THE DECEMBER 7, 2023 MEETING

1. Continue to sponsor programs for continuing legal education and skills-based training within the Section. (Article I, 3 of the Strategic Plan).

By the conclusion of the year we will have held 3 meetings in which we have presented information regarding revisions to the UCC and developments in case law interpreting the UCC.

2. Address substantive legal issues for committee members. (Article I, 4 of the Strategic Plan).

See 1. Above.

3. Promote strong committee leadership and active committee member involvement. Please comment on your plan regarding succession. (Article I, 5 of the Strategic Plan).

We have maintained a regular meeting cadence with members, worked with members who will contribute articles to the Michigan Bar Journal with at least one article ready for contribution by the end of this year.

4. Provide an alternative source of information and communication for members by improving the website and maintaining and improving social media presence. (Article I, 6 of the Strategic Plan).

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- 5. (A) monitor and raise awareness of laws or developments in laws that affect Michigan businesses and, when appropriate, make recommendations for updates and improvements;
- (B) provide assistance to appropriate state government personnel with respect to business-related legislation and rule making;
- (C) as appropriate, providing amicus curiae briefs related to business-related issues being addressed by the courts, and
- (D) educate and seek input from Michigan businesses, their owners and employees, and Michigan attorneys about changes to Michigan's laws in order to maintain Michigan's ability to attract and retain new business enterprises and enable existing businesses to remain competitive.

(Article II, 1 of the Strategic Plan).

We are working on implementing advocacy to the Michigan legislature for adoption of revisions to the UCC.

6. Encourage increased member participation through the development of personal relationships with other Section members. (Article IV, 1 of the Strategic Plan).

We regularly encourage members to invite colleagues to join the committee during meetings and in invitations for meetings. We will consider ways to restore in-person engagements with committee members for the coming year.

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