COMMERCIAL LITIGATION COMMITTEE
BUSINESS COURT AD HOC COMMITTEE
REPORT PREPARED FOR THE SEPTEMBER 15, 2005 COUNCIL MEETING

1. Next Scheduled Meeting of the Committee

Next scheduled meeting of the Committee: No meeting is presently scheduled. The Committee anticipates that there will be meetings and events this fall and into 2006 associated with the business court statute.

2. Council Approval

None.

3. Membership

Diane Akers attended the annual meeting of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Section and several members of that section have volunteered to become involved in the business court activities.

There have also been 2 updates of the progress on the business court project.

4. Accomplishments Toward Committee Objectives

It appears that a statute creating a business court will be introduced this month in the Michigan House of Representatives by Brian Palmer. The Business Court Committee has had meetings with representatives of other sections and is pursuing a new project called "Business to Business Mediation," which may fit in well with the business court.

5. Meetings and Programs

There will be a number of meetings and programs scheduled in connection with the business court statute, as soon as we have word that the draft statute will be introduced into the legislature.

6. Publications

The Commercial Litigation Committee is submitting 3 articles for the Business Law Journal. Topics are the business court statute (Diane Akers), the new class action fairness act (Dan Sharkey) and the increase in white collar crime and its relation to the business judgment rule (Ashish Joshi).

7. Legislative/Judicial/Administrative Developments

The business court statute should be introduced at any time.

8. Miscellaneous