# CORPORATE LAWS COMMITTEE REPORT PREPARED FOR THE MAY 8, 2009 COUNCIL MEETING

## 1. Next Scheduled Meeting of the Committee

The Committee does not hold regular meetings but rather meets when in the process of considering amendments to the Business Corporation Act. The Committee monitors issues relating to Michigan corporation statutes and meets when necessary to discuss developments.

## 2. Council Approval

The Committee does not request Council approval of any items at this meeting.

### 3. Membership

The Committee remains open to participation by any interested parties.

### 4. Accomplishments Toward Committee Objectives

The Committee continues to monitor developments in corporate laws throughout the country and to consider changes to the Business Corporation Act. This is an ongoing and continuous process.

#### 5. Meetings and Programs

No programs are currently scheduled, though the Committee is open to participation in presentations discussing changes to the Act.

#### 6. Publications

The committee sponsored the fall 2008 issue of the Michigan Business Law Journal. That issue was published and distributed in late 2008 and is also available through the Section's web site. It included seven articles on corporate law topics that were created through the efforts of committee members and their firms.

The winter 2009 issue of the Business Law Journal (not yet published as of the date of this report) will include an article describing the changes to the Business Corporation Act discussed below.

#### 7. Legislative/Judicial/Administrative Developments

The Committee drafted amendments to the BCA that became PA 402 of 2008, effective January 6, 2009. As noted above, an article describing the amendments will be included in the winter, 2009 issue of the Michigan Business Law Journal.

## 8. Analysis of Applicable Strategic Plan Issues.

The activity of the Committee is directly related to the Strategic Plan mission of promoting improved legislation and regulation for business and the goal of reviewing Michigan laws affecting

business formation, capital raising, corporate governance and related legal matters. The Committee attempts to keep Michigan corporate law current with national trends and competitive with the business law environments of other jurisdictions.

## 9. Miscellaneous

The Committee will continue to accept ideas for technical and other amendments to the Business Corporation Act, which is amended periodically. Suggestions in this regard may be addressed to either of the committee co-chairs, Cyril Moscow or Justin G. Klimko. The Committee also will consult with the Department of Labor and Economic Growth regarding efforts to further streamline corporate filings and information dissemination.

Any questions regarding this report may be directed to me.

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