

**CORPORATE LAWS COMMITTEE
REPORT PREPARED FOR THE DECEMBER 4, 2010 COUNCIL MEETING**

1. 2010-2011 Budget Request and Anticipated Use of Funds

We request \$500 for meeting expenses and the like, though usually use less. We will also request funds to pay our reported if the impediment cited in the next item is removed. Finally, we may need lobbying assistance to help find a sponsor for proposed amendments to the Business Corporation Act and promote passage of the bill. We understand that the Section has a retainer arrangement with a lobbying firm.

2. Use of Budgeted Funds During 2009-2010.

Our use of funds was nominal, mainly for miscellaneous meeting expenses, because it was determined that the Section bylaws do not permit the payment of the reporter's fee we had anticipated paying to James Carey, due to his status as a council member.

3. Next Scheduled Meeting of the Committee.

We expect to resume meeting in the first quarter of 2011. We were slowed by the election cycle but have been working on a package of amendments.

4. Council Approval.

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

5. Membership.

The Committee remains open to participation by any interested parties. The Committee has approximately 30 members on its active roster.

6. 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. As noted above, the Committee is in the process of preparing additional possible amendments to the Michigan Business Corporation Act.

7. Meetings and Programs.

No programs are currently scheduled, though the Committee is open to participation in presentations discussing changes to the Act. The Committee anticipates additional meetings in connection with consideration of amendments to the Michigan Business Corporation Act.

8. 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. We typically provide articles for publication whenever the BCA is amended, as well as other articles from time to time. An article describing the January, 2009 amendments was included in the winter 2009 issue of the Business Law Journal. We would expect to publish a similar article when the next package of amendments becomes law.

9. Legislative/Judicial/Administrative Developments.

The Committee drafted amendments to the BCA that became PA 402 of 2008, effective January 6, 2009. An article describing the amendments was included in the winter, 2009 issue of the Michigan Business Law Journal.

The Committee also monitors bills that would affect corporation statutes that are introduced without its input and considers these together with the Bureau of Commercial Services of the Department of Energy, Labor and Economic Growth.

The Committee reviews judicial decisions affecting matters of Michigan corporate law. From time to time the Committee proposes statutory amendments that are intended to address the effects of specific case law. Additionally, the Committee has prepared and filed amicus curiae briefs at the invitation of the Michigan Supreme Court.

10. 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.

11. 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 committee chair, 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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