

**AD HOC DIVERSITY COMMITTEE
OF THE BUSINESS LAW SECTION
REPORT PREPARED FOR THE DECEMBER 1, 2012 COUNCIL MEETING**

1. 2012-2013 Budget Request and Anticipated Use of Funds.

The committee submitted a budget request (all of which relates to program expenses) for \$920. We anticipate that the request will be offset by program revenue (registrations fee) in the amount of \$600 (this is a “soft” number). The funds will be used to cover facility costs and refreshments.

2. Use of Budgeted Funds During 2011-2012.

Not applicable.

3. Next Scheduled Meeting of the Committee.

Next scheduled meeting of the Committee: December 3, 2012, 11:30 am via conference call. The number is 877-873-8018; the access code is 9418914.

4. Council Approval.

Budget Request

5. Membership.

Committee membership includes: Julie Dale, Doug Toering, Michael Khoury, and Natalie C. Qandah. Membership remains open to those interested.

6. Accomplishments Toward Committee Objectives.

The Committee is hosting a panel discussion in February 2013. Our planning efforts have resulted in contact with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, as well as the Small Business & Technology Development Center.

The Committee has contacted two speakers: Ms. Jennifer Flack and Mr. Leamon Sowell; both of which have confirmed their availability and likely participation.

7. Meetings and Programs.

The Committee will be meeting more frequently as we draw nearer to the February program date; our next meeting is scheduled for December 3, 2012, via conference call.

The Committee is hosting a Panel Discussion; the topic is Women and Minority Owned Business Certification. The even is scheduled for February 12, 2013 from 4:00 p.m. – 6:30 pm at the Columbia Center in Troy.

8. Publications.

Once all of the details for the February 12, 2013, program are set, the Committee will draft and issue a release regarding the event; this will be shared with normal outlets as well as the MEDC, the Small Business & Technology Development Center as well as the specialty associations. We will also communicate the details on the BLS site, via the list serve, and the State Bar of Michigan and BLS LinkedIn sites.

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

None at this time.

10. Miscellaneous.

Not applicable.

Respectfully Submitted By:

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