

**AD HOC DIVERSITY COMMITTEE
OF THE BUSINESS LAW SECTION
REPORT PREPARED FOR THE DECEMBER 7, 2013 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 \$500. We anticipate that the request will be offset by program revenue (registrations fee). The funds will be used to cover facility costs and refreshments.

2. Use of Budgeted Funds During 2012-2013.

On Tuesday, February 12, 2013, the committee presented a panel discussion titled: "How to Obtain and Keep Women or Minority Owned Business Certification." The event featured two panelists practicing in this area: Mrs. Jennifer Flack and Mr. Leamon Sowell. There were 21 participants.

3. Next Scheduled Meeting of the Committee.

Next scheduled meeting of the Committee: December 6, 2013, 3:30 p.m. via conference call.

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 who are interested.

6. Accomplishments Toward Committee Objectives.

The Committee is organizing a "Women in Law and Business" event. The purpose of the event would be to encourage gender diversification in the practice of business law. We will have a panel of successful female business lawyers talk about how to thrive and succeed in a (still largely) male-dominated field. The event date would be near the end of February 2014. Our planning efforts have resulted in contact with the Law Schools Committee and the MSU College of Law.

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 6, 2013, at 3:30 p.m. via conference call.

8. Publications.

Once all of the details for the February 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 various area law schools and the Young Lawyers Section. 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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