

**IN-HOUSE COUNSEL COMMITTEE
COCHAIRLED BY THERESA ORR AND KIM YAPCHAI
REPORT PREPARED FOR THE SEPTEMBER 13, 2011 COUNCIL MEETING**

1. Next Scheduled Meeting of the Committee

Next scheduled meeting of the Committee: None

2. Council Approval

Request funds (approx. \$30/month) to maintain ListServe for over 2600 SBM In-House Counsel.

Request support for Crain's 2012 In-House Counsel and General Counsel Awards program. Overall, the 2011 event was the premiere event for in-house counsel in Michigan. We recommend that BLS continue to sponsor this program rather than have another section of SBM. Funding requirements are unknown at this time.

Request \$1500 for cost-management roundtable event. See detail below.

3. Membership

Committee membership has grown to over 35 people.

4. Accomplishments Toward Committee Objectives

Co-sponsored the ACC In-House Spring Social on June 23, 2011 from 5-8pm at Zazio's in Birmingham, MI. Although promotion was limited to electronic form only and did not start until 3 weeks prior to the event, attendance was double the normal amount.

Appointed to In-House Steering Committee for the Crain's 2012 In-House and General Counsel Awards program. Goals for 2012 are to increase in-house participation and interaction. Crain's has solicited our input for the 2012 event and reviewed the post-event survey with us. Exploring webinars with select 2011 winners to lead up to the event.

5. Meetings and Programs

Working to inform in-house counsel about the Detroit Urban Debate League opportunities. The DUDL is part of the National Association of Urban Debate Leagues (NAUDL) that strives to improve public education and the lives of Detroit youth through rigorous and sustainable academic debate programming. DUDL is seeking lawyers and legal assistants to

serve as volunteer judges. Training is provided. For more info, visit <http://www.urbandebate.org/whatisaudi.shtml> and http://www.newdetroit.org/obscms/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=239&Itemid=180. There is also an opportunity to include something in the Bar Journal "Section Briefs" column on this.

In-House Roundtable discussion scheduled for October 4, 2011 from 8-10am at the VistaTech Center in Livonia, MI. This event will be held jointly with ACC-MI and topics will be set for each table. Attendance is limited to in-house only.

In-House Roundtable and panel discussion on cost management. Date TBD. Location is tentatively set for the Birmingham Community House, Birmingham, MI. Panelists will be a mixture of in-house counsel, law firms, and consultants to provide a broad perspective on the issues. Attendance will be limited to in-house only. Carol Hustoles, one of the 2011 Crain's awardees, is open to participating on the panel.

6. Publications

Promoted committee events by email and linkedin.

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

N/a.

8. Miscellaneous

None.