

**ICLE LIAISON
ANNUAL REPORT PREPARED FOR THE
DECEMBER 3, 2016 ANNUAL MEETING**

Please describe your activities during the 2015-2016 year toward achievement of the goals outlined in the Section's Strategic Plan. Each question below corresponds to a specific Section of the Plan, a copy of which is attached and to which reference may be made for further guidance in providing responses. If the question is not applicable to your particular committee or directorship, please note as such.

1. Sponsorship of programs for Continuing Legal Education via a means accessible to Section Members, including holding at least one program yearly (Article I, 3, of the Strategic Plan).

The ICLE Liaison coordinates continuing legal education programming between the Committees of the BLS, and business law-related offerings of ICLE, respectively, so that the programs are not duplicative of one another.

The BLS and ICLE co-sponsored a variety of webcasts, and the live Business Law Institute and Annual Meeting on October 7, 2016, during the 2015-2016 year. The following is registration information that the ICLE shared with us on registration (including on-demand viewings for webcasts) for these programs:

- **Business Law Entity Update 2016 – 319**
- **Trends in Business Court Practice – 217**
- **Negotiating and Drafting International Contracts – 99**
- **Negotiate and Draft Promissory Notes – 231**
- **Business Law Institute/BLS Annual Meeting – 111**

2. Addressing substantive legal issues for committee members, including holding regular committee meetings (at least once a year) and reporting on the meetings to the Council (Article I, 4).

ICLE Liaison reports are prepared and submitted to the BLS Council at periodic council meetings so that the Council is kept apprised of ICLE programs that the BLS is asked to co-sponsor and has co-sponsored.

3. Promoting involvement in the committee and making the committee more responsive to members including the designation of a contact person (Article I, 5).

N.A.

4. (A) monitoring and raising awareness of laws or developments in laws that affect Michigan businesses and, when appropriate, making recommendations for updates and improvements;

From time to time, ideas of the BLS Council and its committees for future programming related to developments in the law are communicated to ICLE, and vice versa.

(B) providing assistance to appropriate state government personnel with respect to business-related legislation and rule making;

N.A. This function is performed by the BLS Council's substantive committees.

(C) as appropriate, providing amicus curiae briefs related to business-related issues being addressed by the courts, and

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(D) educating Michigan businesses, their owners and employees about changes to Michigan's laws in order to maintain Michigan's ability to attract and retain new business enterprises and enable existing businesses to remain competitive.

(Article II, 1)

N.A.

5. Please comment on your plan regarding succession (Article III, 5).

There are few barriers to succession for the ICLE Liaison position. I am happy to assist the BLS in locating a successor when the time comes, and bringing the successor up to speed on the requirements of the position.

6. Please list your Committee's goals and objectives for the next 12 to 24 months and whether you will require additional support from the Section to achieve these goals (Article III, 5).

I have enjoyed working with the BLS Council and its committees, together with representatives of ICLE, on programs over the years. Goals and objectives are to continue to coordinate and promote the events of both the BLS and ICLE, and ensure that each organization is getting timely information from the other. No additional support from the BLS is anticipated to be needed to achieve these objectives.

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