

**PROGRAM COMMITTEE FOR THE  
2006 BUSINESS LAW INSTITUTE  
REPORT PREPARED FOR THE MARCH 9, 2006 COUNCIL MEETING**

**1. Next Scheduled Meeting of the Committee**

At this time, the Program Committee is scheduled to meet to review outstanding items and issues on Friday, June 2, before the Business Law Institute seminar.

**2. Council Approval**

The Council must establish plans for its annual meeting.

It is also time to select the 2007 Business Law Institute date and location.

The Program Committee looks to the Council to decide these matters at the March 9 meeting.

**3. Membership**

Those serving on the Program Committee include: as Mark W. Peters of Dykema Gossett PLLC; Greg E. Schmidt of Warner Norcross & Judd LLP; Daniel H. Minkus of Clark Hill, PLC; and Tania E. (Dee Dee) Fuller of Fuller Law and Counseling PC.

Officer Mark R. High of Dickinson Wright, PLLC has obtained sponsors for the 2006 program. Tania E. (Dee Dee) Fuller has agreed to take over the lead role to obtain sponsors for the 2007 Business Law Institute.

**4. Accomplishments toward Committee Objectives**

Attached is the final Agenda for the 2006 Institute from the ICLE website. All speakers are confirmed. ICLE is handling the publications and mailings.

We have hired Sean Carter, a legal humorist, as the after the dinner entertainment on June 2. The cost, including travel from Arizona, will not exceed \$2,000.

Only four of the five Business Law Institute sponsors continued their support this year. We were unable to recruit additional sponsors this year, but will attempt to obtain more supporters next year. The 2006 Business Law Institute sponsors are: Stout Risius Ross, Inc. (Reception); Bowne (General Sponsor); CT Corporation (General Sponsor); and Crawford & Winiarski (General Sponsor).

**5. Meetings and Programs**

See above

**6. Publications**

ICLE is handling all publications for the Business Law Institute

**7. Legislative/Judicial/Administrative Developments**

Not Applicable

## 8. Miscellaneous

A goal in the Strategic Plan is: ***Continue to sponsor a Business Law Section annual spring meeting.***

Objective: The Program Committee co-chairs shall consider and report on the following issues: (1) Participation with ICLE. (2) Location and scheduling, (3) Breadth of program and focus and (4) Networking and social opportunities.

(1) Participation with ICLE – ICLE has served as a great partner in this program. Although there is a cost of \$9,000 associated with their services, in addition to out of pocket costs for their staff at the event, ICLE does a very nice job. They arrange all speakers, coordinate the event, prepare all publication materials and invest a great deal of time to make the program a success. The committee recommends that ICLE continue as the Section's partner with this event.

(2) Location and scheduling – We look to the Council for direction for 2007 and beyond.

(3) Breadth of program and focus – The committee has attempted to promote topics that are of interest to small and large firm lawyers and to use the feedback we receive from participants each year to put together the program for the next year.

(4) Networking and social opportunities – Stout Risius Ross is again sponsoring the reception at this the Business Law Institute, and the reception provides a great networking opportunity for Section members. We also encourage all council members who attend the Business Law Institute to network with participants from other firms throughout the state and to encourage involvement in the Section.

Report Submitted by: Dee Dee Fuller

## **18<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Law Institute**

Friday, June 2 – Saturday, June 3, 2006  
Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, Mount Pleasant

*Co-Sponsored by the Business Law Section, State Bar of Michigan*

### **Course Schedule**

#### **Moderators**

Tania E. “Dee Dee” Fuller  
Fuller Law and Counseling PC  
Grand Rapids

Mark W. Peters  
Dykema Gossett PLLC  
Detroit

#### **DAY ONE**

#### **Friday, June 2 - Afternoon Session:**

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| 1:00 PM - 1:15 PM | Welcome and Introduction to Section Activities<br><a href="#">Eric I. Lark</a><br>Kerr Russell and Weber PLC; Detroit   |
| 1:15 PM - 1:45 PM | Business Law Legislative Update<br><a href="#">Justin G. Klimko</a><br>Butzel Long; Detroit   |
| 1:45 PM - 2:15 PM | Adopting E-mail, Computer & Business Equipment Policies for Your Office and Your Clients <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• personal use</li><li>• expectations of privacy</li><li>• discovery in civil litigation</li><li>• drafting and adoption tips</li></ul><br><a href="#">Margaret C. Alli</a><br>Kienbaum Opperwall Hardy & Pelton PLC; Birmingham |
| 2:15 PM - 3:00 PM | Confidentiality & Non-Disclosure Agreements in M & A Transactions   |

- what they are
- negotiating
- drafting

[Daniel H. Minkus](#)

Clark Hill PLC; Birmingham

3:15 PM - 4:00 PM

A Basic ESOP Primer - Just About Everything You Absolutely Need to Know, Or Else!

- formation
- rules & regulations
- structuring and leverage
- tax advantages
- valuation

[Jeffrey M. Risius](#)

Stout Risius Ross Inc.; Farmington Hills

4:00 PM - 4:30 PM

The Uniform Partnership and the Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act

- the new uniform acts
- major changes, and how they will affect partnerships in Michigan
- why partnerships and limited partnerships may once again become popular
- new uses for partnerships and limited partnerships

[Timothy R. Damschroder](#)

Bodman LLP; Ann Arbor

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Components of a Mass Casualty Response Program - A Multi-Media Presentation

- understand different types of mass casualty, terrorist and industrial critical incidents
- understand traumatic impact on employees and first responders
- recovery elements of a crisis

- recovery program
- strategies to reduce employee trauma and worker compensation claims
- leadership crisis communication guidelines for stakeholders

[Dr. Kenneth L. Wolf](#)

Incident Management Team; Novi

5:30 PM - 5:45 PM

Waiving the Attorney-Client Privilege: An Emerging Challenge For Corporate Counsel

[Thomas W. Cranmer](#)

Miller Canfield Paddock and Stone PLC; Troy

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Reception - Sponsored by Stout Risius Ross, Inc.

7:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Annual Business Law Section Banquet (Program) Sean Carter, Humorist at Law: "Practice Makes Perfect Except in the Law!"

**Saturday, June 3 - Morning Session:**

9:00 AM - 9:30 AM

Corporate and Commercial Case Law Update

[John R. Marquis](#)

Warner Norcross & Judd LLP; Holland

9:30 AM - 10:15 AM

The Impact of the Bankruptcy Reform Act of 2005 on Business

- effective date of Reform Act provisions
- overview of changes affecting business debtors
- overview of changes affecting suppliers to business debtors

[Lisa Sommers Gretchko](#)

Howard & Howard Attorneys PC;  
Bloomfield Hills

10:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Self Employment Tax Savings You  
Never Thought of for LLCs

- tax efficient structures
- opportunities and pitfalls
- comparison to S corporations

[Thomas J. Dickerson](#)

Andrews Hooper & Pavlik PLC;  
Saginaw

11:00 AM - 11:45 AM

Helping Small Businesses Grow

- developing a solid business  
plan/model
- accessing resources
- navigating the waters

[Carol Lopucki](#)

Grand Valley State University;  
Grand Rapids

11:45 AM - 12:30 PM

Invisible Business Issues in Key  
Intellectual Property Decisions

- work made for hire
- what qualifies
- who really owns the  
copyright
- drafting solutions

[Susan M. Kornfield](#)

Bodman LLP; Ann Arbor