

PROGRAMS DIRECTORSHIP
REPORT PREPARED FOR THE MARCH 12, 2020
BUSINESS LAW SECTION COUNCIL MEETING

1. Next Scheduled Meeting of the Directorship.

The Directorship holds meetings, and communicates via telephone and email, as necessary, to discuss course speakers and other matters regarding the Business Law Institute and the Annual Meeting, as appropriate. Meetings for the 2020 BLI began in October 2019 and continued on a monthly basis. The 2020 BLI will be held at the JW Marriott Hotel in Grand Rapids on October 2, 2020. Meetings for the 2020 BLI have begun and will continue on a monthly basis.

2. Council Approval

N/A

3. Membership

Those serving on the Programs Directorship include Catherine Ferguson, Dee Dee Fuller, Eric Lark, Dan Minkus (Chair), John Schuring, and Sarah Williams.

4. Accomplishments Toward Committee Objectives

All of the Directorship members actively participate in the planning process.

The Directorship will schedule meetings, or communicate via telephone and email, as necessary to finalize course schedules and secure speakers.

5. Meetings and Programs

See 3, above regarding the BLI. The Annual Meeting and presentation of the Schulman Award will take place in conjunction with the BLI on October 2, 2020.

Business Boot Camp I concluded in January 2020. The program was well-received and well-attended. Over 170 participants registered for the Grand Rapids and Plymouth sessions. The approximate net cost to the Section to present the programs was approximately \$3,000. We have experienced relatively consistent attendance and reviews, but expenses for the venues continue to rise – sometimes dramatically. Planning for Business Boot Camp II is underway and sessions will be presented on November 9-10, 2020 in Grand Rapids and January 25-26, 2021 in Plymouth.

6. Publications.

N/A.

7. Legislative/Judicial/Administrative Developments

N/A.

8. Miscellaneous

N/A.

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