

**PROGRAMS DIRECTORSHIP
ANNUAL REPORT PREPARED FOR THE
DECEMBER 3, 2016 COUNCIL MEETING**

Please describe your directorship's 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. Plan and hold the Business Law Institute (Article I, 2).

The Business Law Institute continues to be popular, and the number of participants increased in 2016. Despite various discussions and changes in curriculum, location, dates, format, and other elements of the program, the Directorship believes the BLI is likely to attract approximately 100-120 participants each year. The Directorship believes the BLI is very worthwhile and is the one opportunity where Michigan business lawyers are able to associate in an out of office setting which combines both substantive and social activities. The Directorship continues to explore methods to increase attendance, and has elected to hold the event once again in Grand Rapids in October, 2017 in connection with ArtPrize. The Annual Meeting is planned to occur at the same time.

2. Sponsor programs for continuing legal education within the Section and Committees (Article I, 3).

The Directorship is in charge of the substantive program for the BLI and the Annual Meeting. In this regard, the various Directors of the Directorship convene regularly, often with a representative of ICLE to develop an appropriate curriculum.

The Directorship also has been active with respect to the continuation of Business Boot Camp. It is not certain whether this program falls under the direction of the Programs Directorship or the Communication and Development Directorship, but in either event, it is organized and operated through the Section Administrator. Business Boot Camp I is occurring in 2016-2017 and it is recommended that Business Boot Camp II be held in 2017-2018. The Grand Rapids 2016 session was very successful and introduced many younger lawyers to a Business Law Section activity.