

**PROGRAMS DIRECTORSHIP  
ANNUAL REPORT PREPARED FOR THE  
DECEMBER 2, 2017 COUNCIL MEETING**

Please describe your directorship's activities during the 2016-2017 year toward achievement of the goals outlined in the Section's Strategic Plan. Each question below corresponds to a specific Section of the Plan 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. Continue to hold the Business Law Institute and annual meeting. (Article I, 2 of the Strategic Plan).

**The Business Law Institute continues to be popular. The number of participants decreased in 2017, in part due to the Midwest Securities Conference being held on the same date. 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, 2018 in connection with ArtPrize. The Annual Meeting is planned to occur at the same time. We will likely include a panel discussion among the Business Court judges to increase attendance and to offer interaction between the business bench and bar.**

2. Continue to sponsor programs for continuing legal education and skills-based training within the Section and committees. Continue to offer Business Boot Camp. (Article I, 3 of the Strategic Plan).

**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. The Plymouth session of Business Boot Camp I occurred in January 2017. Business Boot Camp II was in Grand Rapids in November 2017 and will be held in Plymouth in January 2018. The Grand Rapids 2017 session was successful and introduced many younger lawyers to a Business Law Section activity.**

