

**PROGRAMS DIRECTORSHIP
ANNUAL REPORT PREPARED FOR THE
DECEMBER 4, 2020 COUNCIL MEETING**

Please describe your directorship's activities during the 2019-2020 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. 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 elected to hold the event once again in Grand Rapids in October, 2020 in connection with Art Prize. Due to Covid-19, the format of the 2020 BLI was changed to an on-demand event. The Annual Meeting occurred by phone in 2020.

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 Grand Rapids session of Business Boot Camp I occurred in November 2019 and the Plymouth session took place in January 2020. Prior Boot Camp sessions were successful and introduced younger lawyers to Business Law Section activity. Business Boot Camp II was scheduled for November 9-10, 2020 in Grand Rapids and January 25-26, 2021 in Plymouth, however the events were cancelled due to Covid-19.