

**REPORT OF SMALL BUSINESS FORUM (SBF)  
FOR THE MARCH 2, 2017 COUNCIL MEETING**

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

No meetings are currently scheduled.

SBF is beginning to plan a program for the spring or early summer of 2017. See below.

**2. Council Approval**

No matters require Council approval.

**3. Membership**

Membership in SBF is approximately 25 members, but is somewhat fluid in that meetings are not typically held, and committee members are periodically solicited for input regarding planning programs.

**4. Accomplishments Toward Committee Objectives**

For 2016, accomplished our objective of holding two SBF events.

For 2017, we expect to accomplish our objective of holding two SBF events.

**5. Meetings and Programs**

On Thursday, December 8, the SBF conducted a program on *The Pervasiveness of Privacy*, in Troy, Michigan, that explored the expanding landscape of privacy laws. The speakers were Michael S. Khoury of FisherBroyles, LLP, and Robert L. Rothman and Keith A. Cheresko of Privacy Associates International LLC. The program focused on selected areas that impact small business clients, including marketing privacy laws, financial and healthcare information, and data security and breach obligations. The program was well attended (despite the first blast of winter) and those who attended engaged actively with the speakers on a number of topics, and also expressed interest in follow-up programs to explore specific issues in greater depth.

SBF is beginning to plan for a spring or early summer 2017 program. Several ideas are being explored, including a possible joint program with Employee Benefits Committee of the SBM Tax Section on the topic of employee benefits considerations in M&A transactions.

**6. Publications**

The Committee has published no articles.

**7. Methods of Monitoring Legislative/Judicial/Administrative Developments and Recommended Action**

We do not regularly monitor court decisions or activities in the Michigan legislature or the U.S. Congress.

**8. Other**

Respectfully submitted,  
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