

**SMALL BUSINESS FORUM (SBF)
ANNUAL REPORT PREPARED FOR THE
DECEMBER 2, 2017 ANNUAL MEETING**

Please describe your committee'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.

1. Sponsorship of programs for Continuing Legal Education via a means accessible to Section Members, including holding at least one program yearly (Article I, 3 of the Strategic Plan).

For 2017, SBF accomplished its objective of holding two Small Business Forum events. One was a joint program with the Employee Benefits Committee of the Tax Section. Details of the programs are described in the quarterly SBF Report to Council.

2. Addressing substantive legal issues for committee members, including holding regular committee meetings (at least twice per year) and reporting on the meetings to the Council (Article I, 4 of the Strategic Plan).

SBF does not hold regular committee meetings.

3. Committees chaired by one chair should add a co-chair or vice-chair. Committee leadership to report on growth in committee membership, and active involvement by existing and prospective members, in quarterly and annual reports to the Council. (Article I, 5 of the Strategic Plan).

In its quarterly report to Council, the SBF Chair submitted a nomination for Vice Chair for approval by Council.

4. (A) monitor and raise awareness of laws or developments in laws that affect Michigan businesses and, when appropriate, make recommendations for updates and improvements;

SBF does not conduct any such activities except to the extent they are included in the scope of one of its programs.

- (B) provide assistance to appropriate government personnel with respect to business-related legislation and rule making;

SBF does not conduct any such activities.

- (C) as appropriate, provide amicus curie briefs related to business-related issues being addressed by the courts; and

SBF does not conduct any such activities.

(D) educate and seek input from Michigan businesses, their owners and employees, and Michigan attorneys about changes to Michigan's laws in order to maintain Michigan's ability to attract and retain new business enterprises and enable existing businesses to remain competitive. (Article II, 1 of the Strategic Plan).

SBF does not conduct any such activities.

5. Include social activities as an element of Section activities and educational programs. (Article IV, 1 of the Strategic Plan).

There is a social networking element to each of SBF's programs.

Respectfully submitted,
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