

**SMALL BUSINESS FORUM (SBF)
ANNUAL REPORT PREPARED FOR THE
DECEMBER 4, 2020 ANNUAL MEETING**

Please describe your committee'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.

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).

The objective of SBF is to hold two Small Business Forum programs per year. For 2020, due to COVID, SBF did not hold a spring program. A fall program, the Third Annual Symposium on Corporate Oppression and Business Law – Oppression in the Age of the Pandemic, was held on November 11 and 12, 2020. Details of the program 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).

Since 2018, SBF has had two Co-Chairs, Bruce W. Haffey and Mark Rossman.

Committee membership is approximately 25 - 30 members but is somewhat fluid in that meetings are not typically held, and the primary purpose of membership is a source of programming ideas and presenters.

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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