

**UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT PREPARED FOR THE
DECEMBER 6, 2014 COUNCIL MEETING**

Please describe your committee's activities during the 2013-2014 year toward achievement of the goals outlined in the Section's Strategic Plan. Each question below corresponds to a specific Section of the Plan, a copy of which is attached and 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. 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).

We will seek to identify a topic for which we could sponsor a CLE program during the upcoming year.

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

The Committee has always been an active source of case law and legislative developments. Each semi-annual meeting has included, and will include, a discussion of significant recent cases.

3. Promoting involvement in the committee and making the committee more responsive to members including the designation of a contact person (Article I, 5).

We will need to designate a contact person in addition to the Chair. Committee participation is an issue. The Committee has not enjoyed significant participation except at times when the UCC is changing.

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

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

(C) as appropriate, providing amicus curiae briefs related to business-related issues being addressed by the courts, and

(D) educating Michigan businesses, their owners and employees 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).

While the UCC is "quiet" at present, we plan to organize a legislative monitoring capability so we can address this objective.

5. Please comment on your plan regarding succession (Article III, 5).

I am a new committee Chair. We will solicit interest from members in serving as Chair or in some other capacity for the Committee.

6. Please list your Committee's goals and objectives for the next 12 to 24 months and whether you will require additional support from the Section to achieve these goals (Article III, 5).

In my opinion, the Committee needs to get its own ball rolling so to speak. In the absence of material changes to the UCC (at present or the near future), the Committee needs to determine its role and then get better-organized as a Committee to fulfill it.