

**MICHIGAN AD HOC COMMITTEE ON LEGAL OPINIONS
REPORT PREPARED FOR THE MARCH 19, 2009 COUNCIL MEETING**

1. Next Scheduled Meeting of the Committee

The Committee was formed pursuant to approval of the Council and Executive Committee and held its first meeting on February 26, 2009. The next meeting will occur in late April though the date has not been fixed.

2. Council Approval

The Committee does not request Council approval of any items at this meeting.

3. Membership

The Committee remains open to participation by any interested parties.

4. Accomplishments Toward Committee Objectives

At the Committee's initial meeting on February 26, 2009, Committee members agreed on the Committee's name, on the scope and focus of the Committee's activities and discussed tasks needed to accomplish the Committee's goals. Four subcommittees were created to address specific tasks. The subcommittees will work separately and report to the meetings of the full Committee.

5. Meetings and Programs

No programs are currently scheduled. The Committee will consider participating in a program following issuance of its report. Its report is not expected prior to the end of the first quarter of 2010.

6. Publications

The Committee intends to issue a report that will address recommended resources for Michigan lawyers engaged in rendering third party legal opinions, areas in the 1991 Michigan report that need to be updated or have become obsolete, and areas of specific significance under Michigan law relating to delivery of third party legal opinions. The Committee expects that its report will be published in the Michigan Business Law Journal or the Michigan Bar Journal.

7. Legislative/Judicial/Administrative Developments

Formation of the Committee and its goal and proposed activities have been reported to the Working Group on Legal Opinions, a national organization that studies, monitors and reports on trends in national legal opinion practice. The undersigned is the representative of the Business Law Section to the WGLO's Association Advisory Board.

8. Analysis of Applicable Strategic Plan Issues.

The activity of the Committee is related to the Strategic Plan mission of promoting greater understanding and learning for Michigan business lawyers in areas related to business transactions.

9. Miscellaneous

A list of the members of the Committee is included with this report.

Any questions regarding this report may be directed to me.

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