

**MICHIGAN AD HOC COMMITTEE ON LEGAL OPINIONS
REPORT PREPARED FOR THE MAY 8, 2009 COUNCIL MEETING**

1. Next Scheduled Meeting of the Committee

The Committee was formed pursuant to approval of the Council and Executive Committee. It has held two meetings, on February 26, 2009 and on April 27, 2009. The next full Committee meeting will occur in late June though the date has not been fixed. In addition, the Committee has established four working groups that meet independently of the full Committee to address specific tasks.

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

The Committee and its working groups are reviewing various materials, performing research and considering transaction opinion issues as well as the ultimate work product that it will issue. The Committee and its work have been noted by the Legal Opinions Committee of the American Bar Association and by the Working Group on Legal Opinions, a national group that considers legal opinion developments in which several Committee members participate. I am scheduled to participate in a panel at the next WGLO seminar on May 19 to describe the Committee's objectives and tasks.

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

Not applicable.

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**

The Committee welcomes ideas, thoughts or suggestions relevant to its activities. Suggestions in this regard may be addressed to me or any other Committee member.

Any questions regarding this report may be directed to me.

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