

**MICHIGAN AD HOC COMMITTEE ON LEGAL OPINIONS
REPORT PREPARED FOR THE SEPTEMBER 24,, 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 three meetings, on February 26, 2009, on April 27, 2009 and June 15, 2009. The Committee has established four working groups that meet independently of the full Committee to address specific tasks and in the process of drafting. In light of this, the Committee has not yet scheduled another meeting.

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 preparing drafts of sections of the ultimate work product that the Committee 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 participated in a panel at the WGLO seminar held in New York on May 19, 2009 to describe the Committee's objectives and tasks, and a copy of the Committee's background statement has been posted to the Legal Opinion Resource Center web site maintained by the ABA Legal Opinions Committee.

5. Meetings and Programs

The Committee's report is not expected prior to the end of the first quarter of 2010. I have agreed to participate in a presentation on the Committee's report at the 2010 Business Law Institute.

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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