

COMMERCIAL LITIGATION COMMITTEE
REPORT PREPARED FOR THE SEPTEMBER 26TH, 2006 COUNCIL MEETING

1. Next Scheduled Meeting of the Committee

The committee anticipates scheduling a meeting to plan a workshop on the role of experts in commercial litigation in coming months.

2. Council Approval

None.

3. Membership

The committee welcomes our new member - Richard W. Paige of Bush Seyferth Kethledge & Paige PLLC. Also, while the committee remains open to participation by any interested parties, Co-chairs plan to make proactive efforts in the next few months to contact section members that practice commercial litigation as indicated through surveys.

4. Accomplishments Toward Committee Objectives

None this period.

5. Meetings and Programs

The committee has identified several topics that may be of interest to members of the Section and will review plans in its next meeting.

6. Publications

The committee co-chair, Ashish S. Joshi, has two upcoming articles in the areas of construction litigation and white-collar defense, to be published in the *Michigan Bar Journal* and *Michigan Business Law Journal*.

7. Legislative / Judicial / Administrative Developments

See the last report of Business Court Ad Hoc Committee

8. Analysis of Applicable Strategic Plan Issues.

The planned activities of the committee are directly related to the Strategic Plan mission of providing educational and networking opportunities affecting commercial and business litigation, corporate governance and related legal matters. The committee attempts to keep its members abreast of Michigan and national trends in commercial and business litigation.

During its recent meeting, committee briefly discussed possibility of launching an electronic newsletter that would provide the section members with updated judicial decisions, news and other information pertaining to the area of commercial litigation. The committee Co-chairs have taken this matter into consideration and will open this topic for further discussion in its next meeting.

This is directly related to the Strategic Plan mission of providing an educational opportunity to the section members.

The committee also plans to look into contacting a student-run Business Law Association at a Michigan law school and sponsoring a workshop or a seminar pertaining to the area of commercial / business litigation. This is directly related to the Strategic Plan goal of encouraging students to develop an interest in business law. The committee will coordinate with the Section's Law School Liaison.

9. Miscellaneous

None.