

**COMMERCIAL LITIGATION COMMITTEE**  
**REPORT PREPARED FOR THE SEPTEMBER 20th, 2007 COUNCIL MEETING**

**1. Next Scheduled Meeting of the Committee**

The committee anticipates scheduling a meeting in the fall.

**2. Council Approval**

None.

**3. Membership**

The committee remains open to participation by any interested parties and Co-chairs have made proactive efforts to contact section members and other attorneys that practice commercial litigation as indicated through surveys.

**4. Accomplishments Toward Committee Objectives**

In June 2007, the committee launched an electronic Newsletter: *Litigation News For Business Lawyers*. This Newsletter is geared toward providing litigation news and update to the business attorneys and contains updated judicial decisions, news and other information pertaining to the area of commercial litigation. There have been two editions of this Newsletter thus far. Another edition is expected to be out in the fall.

**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 published an article on construction litigation in the summer 2007 issue of the *Michigan Bar Journal*. Another of Mr. Joshi's article on White Collar Litigation is scheduled to be published next month in the NACDL's annual white collar issue of *The Champion*.

**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. Launching of the electronic newsletter is a step further in this direction.

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.