

**COMMERCIAL LITIGATION COMMITTEE  
REPORT PREPARED FOR THE DECEMBER 3, 2005 COUNCIL MEETING**

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

Next scheduled meeting of the Committee: No date has been selected at this time. The committee anticipates scheduling a meeting to plan activities in January 2006.

**2. Council Approval**

None.

**3. Membership**

No new members have joined the committee since the September 2005 meeting.

**4. Accomplishments Toward Committee Objectives**

None this period.

**5. Meetings and Programs**

The Commercial Litigation Committee has identified two topics that may be of interest to members of the Section and will review plans in early 2006.

**6. Publications**

The Commercial Litigation Committee will have 3 articles in the next issue of Business Law Journal.

**7. Legislative/Judicial/Administrative Developments**

See report of Business Court Ad Hoc Committee.

**8. Miscellaneous**

**BUSINESS COURT AD HOC COMMITTEE  
REPORT PREPARED FOR THE DECEMBER 3, 2005 COUNCIL MEETING**

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

No meeting is presently scheduled.

**2. Council Approval**

None.

**3. Membership**

No change this period.

**4. Accomplishments Toward Committee Objectives**

The Business Court Committee has met with representatives of the ADR Section to cooperate in advancing the business court project and the Dispute Resolution Association of Michigan's business-to-business mediation program.

**5. Meetings and Programs**

No meeting or program is presently scheduled. However, the committee anticipates that, depending on legislative developments, meetings may be scheduled in 2006.

**6. Publications**

See report of Commercial Litigation Committee.

**7. Legislative/Judicial/Administrative Developments**

The committee has stayed in close contact with Rep. Brian Palmer, who intends to introduce the business court statute at some point in the future. Two representatives of the committee, Diane Akers and Michael Marsalese, met with Rep. Palmer and two judges who have been asked to review the statute and provide feedback on how judges may view a proposed business court.

As a result of that meeting, Rep. Palmer and his staff are revising the draft statute.

This is ongoing and will be important in garnering support for any proposed legislation.

**8. Miscellaneous**

N/A.