JUDICIAL CROSSROADS TASK FORCE BUSINESS IMPACT COMMITTEE

Findings:

- There is a perception among businesses and many judges and business litigators that
 Michigan's current court system thwarts the timely, cost-effective, and proper
 resolution of legal disputes. 81% of in-house counsel and commercial litigators
 surveyed for the committee believe that our court system is average or worse compared
 to other state court systems.
- A business court format of some sort has been adopted by 17 states, and the business court model in general has proven to be durable and successful in practice.
- Most states, including Michigan, have not comprehensively addressed the full potential
 for promoting national and international business development within their jurisdictions
 through modernization and streamlining of their attorney licensing rules. The red tape
 for licensure needs to be reduced to allow easier entry for out-of-state and out-ofcountry attorneys with significant experience who are seeking to practice law in
 Michigan on behalf of their business employers.