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Join us at the JW Marriott in Grand Rapids. It's the perfect place to network and get critical legislation and caselaw updates. Get the latest on responding to government investigations, using AI in your business practice, addressing ownership issues, and more. Hear from an all-star panel of Michigan business court judges: Bell, Ewell, and Viviano.

You will be able to:

- Stay current with legislation and caselaw updates
- Properly respond in the face of rising state and federal investigations
- Confidently use AI to streamline your practice, from researching to generating briefs
- Avoid common pitfalls when filing documents with LARA
- Unlock value for clients when handling mid-market M&As
- Handle succession transfer of management issues, including rights to profit and employment

Moderators

Laura E. Johnson
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Sarah J. Williams
Bodman PLC, Ann Arbor

Featured Speakers



Hon. Edward Ewell, Jr.
3rd Circuit Court, *Detroit*



Alexis Lupo
State of Michigan LARA Corporations
Securities & Commercial Licensing
Bureau, *Lansing*



Jordan Segal
Maddin Hauser Roth &
Heller PC, *Southfield*



Angela Emmerling Shapiro
Butzel Long PC, *Detroit*

Your Registration Includes Free Entry to These Great Networking Events!

Annual Section Dinner Event

Join us for hors d'oeuvres and cocktails on the patio of the JW Marriott's own Margaux restaurant, inspired by a classic French bistro. All attendees are welcome; preregistration is required. Additional guests (non-registrants) are welcome to attend for \$50 each.

Networking Lunch

Don't miss the annual section meeting and Schulman Award presentation.

See schedule for details.

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Schedule

CLE: 5.75 MCJE: 5.75 LEVEL: Basic/Intermediate/Advanced

8:00am

Continental Breakfast, Vendor Showcase, and Registration

9:00am

Welcome and Introduction from Section Chair

Hear updates from the chair of the Business Law Section.

Ian M. Williamson, Mantese Honigman PC, *Troy*

9:10am

Business Legislation Update

Stay up to date on Michigan business legislation. Confidently advise your clients with essential information.

James L. Carey, Carey Law Offices PC, *South Lyon*

9:50am

LARA Update

Get best practices for working with LARA's improved online services. Gain tips for handling common items and avoid costly pitfalls.

Alexis Lupo, State of Michigan LARA Corporations Securities & Commercial Licensing Bureau, *Lansing*

10:10am

AI Tools to Streamline Your Litigation and Transactional Practice

Explore how artificial intelligence (AI) can be a game changer for business lawyers. From legal research, e-discovery, and brief generation to tools for contract analysis and due diligence, see how AI can improve efficiency in your practice. Plus, understand common pitfalls when adopting AI technology including ethical implications and data privacy concerns.

Jonathan S. Berg, Bodman PLC, *Detroit*; Angela Emmerling Shapiro, Butzel Long PC, *Detroit*

11:00am

Networking Break

11:15am

Government and Regulatory Investigations and the Role of Corporate Counsel

The likelihood of businesses facing federal or state investigations is rising. Whether it's the Department of Justice (DOJ), Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), or another agency, knowing how to respond is critical. Get best practices for responding to audits, investigations, and subpoenas. Create a plan to get a positive outcome, from understanding potential divergent interests of the corporation and its officers, directors, and employees to effective use of and relationships with outside counsel.

Jacob S. Frenkel, Dickinson Wright, *Washington, DC*; Jordan Segal, Maddin Hauser Roth & Heller PC, *Southfield*

12:00pm

Networking Lunch, Annual Meeting, and Schulman Award Presentation

1:15pm

What's Trending in Mid-Market Dealmaking?

It's been a tumultuous postpandemic environment for dealmakers. Volatile equity markets, interest rate fluctuations, and economic uncertainty have weighed on recent M&A activity. Hear a panel discussion on current mid-market M&A megatrends and how investment bankers and lawyers can unlock value for clients in 2025 and beyond.

Cody Attisha, Kerr Russell & Weber PLC, *Detroit*; Elliot Grove, Stout, *Chicago, IL*; David Hale, Stout, *Royal Oak*

2:00pm

Succession Planning, Business Breakups & Transfer of Ownership

Trillions of dollars will be transferred from the Baby Boomers over the next two decades, bringing with it the need to address business ownership issues.

Take a deep dive into the world of business breakups and take away best practices for assisting clients with the transfer of management, including addressing owner rights to profits, whether current and future owners have a right of employment, when interests can be cashed out, when interests can be diluted, and many more issues.

Gerard V. Mantese, Mantese Honigman PC, *Troy*

2:45pm

Networking Reception—Sponsored by Stout

Relax and join seminar faculty, Business Law Section council members, exhibitors, fellow registrants, and guests.

3:30pm

Business Caselaw Update

Don't miss this expert review of the year in Michigan business caselaw. Take away keen analysis of the developments and how they will impact your practice and business clients this year and beyond.

Justin G. Klimko, Butzel Long PC, *Detroit*; Shanika A. Owens, Butzel Long PC, *Detroit*

4:15pm

Update from the Business Court Bench

Hear from business court judges from across the state. Take away practice tips to ensure your business dispute is resolved quickly.

Hon. Curtis J. Bell, 9th Circuit Court, *Kalamazoo*; Hon. Edward Ewell, Jr., 3rd Circuit Court, *Detroit*; Hon. Kathryn A. Viviano, 16th Circuit Court, *Mount Clemens*; Hon. Christopher P. Yates (moderator), Michigan Court of Appeals, *Grand Rapids*

5:45pm

Annual Business Law Section Dinner—Food Sponsored by J.P. Morgan Escrow Services and Beverages Sponsored by JAMS (Preregistration Required)

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