The Commercial Litigation Committee and Small Business Forum present: Business Courts: Past, Present, Future



Hon. John C. Foster



Hon. Christopher P. Yates



Hon. Michael Warren



Michael F. Gadola

Date: Thursday, March 29, 2012

Location: Columbia Center, First Floor, 201 West Big Beaver Road, Troy, MI 48084

Time: 5:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m.

Past: Macomb Circuit: Five Months and Counting ...

Present: Kent Circuit: Opening Day: March 1, 2012

Future: Oakland Circuit: Opening Day: Second Quarter 2012

And: Business Court Legislation: Lansing and Beyond

THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 2012, 5:30–7:30 PM Speakers Hon. John C. Foster, Macomb County Circuit Court Hon. Christopher P. Yates, Kent County Circuit Court

> Hon. Michael Warren, Oakland County Circuit Court Michael F. Gadola, Office of the Governor-Legal Division

Moderator:

Douglas L. Toering, Toering Law Firm PLLC

Three judges, three courts—all business. Join us for a report on Macomb Circuit's Specialized Business Docket, effective November 1, 2011. Then hear how Kent Circuit launched its own business docket and what Oakland Circuit has planned. But that's not all. What's happening with business court legislation in Lansing? Join us for answers.

ABOUT THE FORUM

The Small Business Forum, established by the Business Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan in 2006, specifically caters to business owners, attorneys, accountants, and other professionals who work with closely-held businesses. The Forum hosts two highly-productive, time-efficient, and fun educational events throughout the year. Every event includes a light supper and a time to network with other business professionals. If you have questions about the Forum or about the Commercial Litigation Committee, contact Doug Toering at (248) 269-2020 or <u>dltoering@toeringlaw.com</u>.



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The registration fee for this event is \$25 (including light supper). Judges are free.

DEADLINE for registration is March 22, 2012. Cancellations must be received at least 72 hours in advance.

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