Third Annual Symposium on Corporate Oppression Actions and Business Law

Oppression in the Age of Pandemic November 11 & 12, 2020 | 4-8 p.m. each night

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The interplay between the business courts and recent published precedents and the proliferation of claims under MCL 450.1489, 4515 is altering the landscape of the corporate oppression action and the application of fiduciary standards in the context of corporate disputes. The Symposium on Corporate Oppression and Business Law explores effective techniques and tools in both prosecuting and defending the corporate action, as well as in business litigation more generally. Some of the top practitioners and scholars in this arena are slated to share their strategies and speak on a variety of relevant topics in oppression and business law, national standards and pending legislative amendments in Michigan, practice management, discovery techniques, motion practice, alternative dispute resolution and perspectives from the bench. Audience questions and participation is strongly encouraged.

Full Day 1 (Night One Agenda)

- Introductory Remarks
- Roundtable: Pre-Filing Due Diligence
- Mediation and Negotiation
- Roundtable: Trial Preparation
- Overview of Corporate Oppression
- Business Judgment Rule and Pleading Standards, Dialogue with Professors
- Corporate Usurpation
- Oppression Study Project

Full Day 2 (Night Two Agenda)

- Introductory Remarks Recap Day One
- Interplay Between Derivative and Oppression Actions
- Attorney-Client Privilege in Shareholder Oppression Cases
- Telling the Story of the Case
- Business Judge's Roundtable
- Tribute to Judge Alexander and Closing Remarks