Business Law Section committees are global networks of business law professionals sharing and producing resources, content, and initiatives. Many of the Section’s committees and subcommittees will discuss developments in their practice areas during their meetings. Learn more about each committee via the links below to find a committee that matches your interests!

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

**8:00 AM - 9:00 AM**
**SALON M, M4**
**COMMERCIAL FINANCE**

*joint committee meeting*

to provide cutting-edge, practical knowledge and guidance for commercial finance, real estate finance, and restructuring lawyers, to focus on new developments and industry practices in commercial finance, real estate finance, and restructurings, and to facilitate the development and evolution of commercial finance, real estate finance, and restructuring laws.

**UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE**

to provide timely information and training to its members and the wider bar about recent developments in commercial law, commercial transactions and commercial practices covered directly by the UCC (e.g., sales and leases of goods, payments, letters of credit, documents of title, investment securities and secured transactions) as well as those covered tangentially (e.g., bankruptcy, law relating to LLCs and other unincorporated entities, law of guaranty and international commercial transactions).

**9:00 AM - 10:30 AM**
**SALON 2, M2**
**CYBERSPACE LAW**

to provide a forum for the analysis of corporate, transactional and regulatory issues related to the internet and digital technologies.

**9:00 AM - 11:00 AM**
**SALON L, M4**
**PRIVATE EQUITY AND VENTURE CAPITAL**

to leverage its diverse, active and experienced U.S. and international membership, and relationships with other Business Law Section Committees, to provide a unique and highly educational forum for private equity and venture capital practitioners of all experience levels to exchange views and information on current and emerging legal and practical issues, trends and developments and practice considerations of specific interest or relevance to private equity and venture capital funds, and their investment transactions, portfolio companies and investors.
9:30 AM-10:30 AM
CHINATOWN, M3

**DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

to aid business lawyers in understanding and using alternative dispute resolution processes. The goals of the Committee are to focus on education for Section members; to encourage interaction between corporate legal departments and private law firms in the development of dispute resolution options relevant to the business needs of clients; and to foster continuing liaison and collaborative efforts with other Sections and other committees within the Business Law Section.

10:00 AM-11:30 AM
SILVER LINDEN, 2ND FLOOR

**INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS LAW**
to provide practical and timely advice and expertise to business lawyers from all over the world, primarily in private practice and in-house, with respect to cross border transactions and other transnational commercial and financial activities. The Committee also affords its members opportunities to network and work together with lawyers from diverse cultures and legal systems.

10:00 AM-11:30 AM
WOODLEY PARK, M3

**PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**
to inform Section members about developments in, and to work to improve, the law governing lawyers, including rules of professional responsibility and conduct, as applicable to domestic or transnational business law practice.

10:00 AM-12:00 PM
CHERRY BLOSSOM, 2ND FLOOR

**LLCS, PARTNERSHIPS AND UNINCORPORATED ENTITIES**
to be the principal Business Law Section committee dealing with unincorporated business organizations. Through its activities, the Committee strives to afford its membership practical information on unincorporated business entities from both the narrow and the broad perspective. Narrowly, we spend significant time analyzing and comparing various forms of business entity laws, including being the author of the Revised Prototype LLC Act, and being active in the drafting of various unincorporated business entity uniform acts. We also support our membership through the drafting and release of numerous annotated transaction documents. Broadly, the Committee devotes its energies considering the interrelationship of unincorporated business entity law with numerous other areas of law in which there is interface including bankruptcy, federal and state tax, litigation, and the application of the Uniform Commercial Code.

10:30 AM-11:30 AM
SALON 15, M2

**BUSINESS CRIME AND INVESTIGATIONS**
to educate and be a resource for practitioners on those aspects of white-collar criminal law that impact businesses and executives and to review and analyze the government’s efforts to regulate business conduct via criminal investigations and prosecutions.

**CORPORATE COMPLIANCE**
to assist in-house counsel and compliance professionals in developing, implementing, reviewing and evolving effective organizational compliance programs.

**ENVIRONMENTAL**
to assist business lawyers to better understand the complexities of environmental law and to work with them to develop practical, effective, and innovative solutions to environmental issues.
10:30 AM-12:00 PM
HOWARD UNIVERSITY, M1

**CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**
to promote and support effective corporate governance, domestically and internationally, for business and nonprofit enterprises by developing resources and providing thought leadership; creating networking opportunities; and facilitating a forum for the exchange of legal and practical information and insights on emerging governance and governance-related policy issues for the benefit of attorneys, including both outside and in-house counsel, and other governance professionals.

1:00 PM-2:30 PM
MOUNT VERNON SQUARE, M3

**SPORTS LAW**
to be a unique forum for the analysis of all aspects of sports law and to provide cutting-edge information on the nowadays daily interaction of the world of sport with business law, business transactions and litigation matters. The Sports Law committee shall assist business lawyers in better understanding the complexities of modern sports law, looking at the national and the international sports law environment. The Committee will identify topics of interest among several areas of sports law, from anti-doping issues to sponsoring matters, from athletes matters to clubs-related issues, from sports dispute resolution to franchise matters, from IP issues to governance developments, and many others. The Committee is therefore open to all Section members.

2:00 PM-2:30 PM
SALON A-D, M4

**BANKING LAW**
to act as principal Business Law Section Committee dealing with laws relating to financial services activities conducted through banks, regulated non-bank financial institutions, and third-parties engaging with bank and non-bank financial institutions as service providers, partners, and in other key capacities.

4:00 PM-5:00 PM
WOODLEY PARK, M3

**BUSINESS LAW EDUCATION**
to facilitate the development of business law education at all levels. The Committee’s focus includes the business school, law school, and other lawyer training contexts. The Committee seeks to encourage collaboration among practitioners, educators, and students from these different venues, particularly through joint programs with the substantive law committees.

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**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

8:00 AM-10:00 AM
DOGWOOD, 2ND FLOOR

**LEGAL ANALYTICS**
to explore, and educate business lawyers about, the use of math and economics in the substantive practice of business law.

8:00 AM-9:00 AM
WOODLEY PARK, M3

**TRUST INDENTURES AND INDENTURE TRUSTEES**
to consider issues relating to debt issued pursuant to indentures and the institutions that act as trustee under the indentures. Its scope includes all forms of debt and indentures issued in the United States, Canada and internationally, including corporate and municipal debt and secured and unsecured debt extending from simple structures to complex securitizations, project financings and other structured financings. Committee members are involved in activities from structuring and origination of transactions through default and bankruptcy.
9:00 AM-10:30 AM  
**DIRECTOR AND OFFICER LIABILITY**  
MAPLE, 2ND FLOOR  
To monitor developments concerning the liability of directors and officers of for-profit corporations, including court decisions, government actions, exculpatory provisions, D & O insurance and indemnification, and, if appropriate, to suggest changes in law or regulation. Through programs, reports and publications, including the preparation of sample documents, the Committee will provide updates and materials on legal developments in director and officer liability.

9:30 AM-10:30 AM  
**GAMING LAW**  
TREASURY, M4  
To deal with all aspects of gaming law. The Committee strives to provide cutting-edge information on all substantive gaming law developments. We conduct an annual two-day conference that provides practitioners with a comprehensive overview of the multiple facets of commercial, Native American and internet gaming at the state, national and international levels.

10:00 AM-12:00 PM  
**CREDIT UNIONS**  
UNION STATION, M3  
To be at the forefront about laws and legal issues affecting state and federally chartered credit unions and participate in joint efforts with the Section regarding laws impacting financial institutions.

10:30 AM-11:30 AM  
**INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**  
TREASURY, M4  
To address legal issues encountered by members of the Business Law Section who serve life science and health care clients and their business associates. The Committee strives to provide valuable content to its members and to promote discussion and interaction among its members. The Committee is actively working increase its membership through its activities. The Committee strives to provide at least three substantive programs annually at various Business Law Section Meetings and to cosponsor programs of interest to the Committee. These meetings will provide an opportunity for members of the Section to discuss legal issues related to the life science and health care industry and help members serve their clients.

11:00 AM-12:00 PM  
**CONSUMER BANKRUPTCY**  
HONEYSUCKLE, 2ND FLOOR  
To provide a forum where those interested in all aspects of consumer bankruptcy can share ideas and influence statutory reform.

11:00 AM-12:00 PM  
**GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS PRACTICE**  
MAPLE, 2ND FLOOR  
To provide informational resources and a forum for the exchange of ideas regarding substantive areas of policy, political law and the regulation of the profession for federal, state and provincial lobbyists and government affairs practitioners, both in-house and in private practice.

11:30 AM-12:30 PM  
**CAPTIVE INSURANCE**  
MAGNOLIA, 2ND FLOOR  
To further the education of those who work with captive insurance companies and related alternative risk transfer structures and transactions.

2:00 PM-3:30 PM  
**SECURITIZATION AND STRUCTURED FINANCE**  
GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY, M1  
To provide a forum for discussion of legal issues and market trends related to securitization and other structured finance transactions, including structuring, legal, regulatory, accounting and market aspects of transactions and the securities markets.
2:30 PM-4:00 PM
MINT, M4

**ENERGY BUSINESS**
to inform members of developing energy business issues impacting upstream, midstream, and downstream fossil fuels and renewable energy, including issues arising in all phases of the development, operation and financing of energy businesses.

**PROJECT FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT**
to serve as the Business Law Section’s forum for discussing and disseminating information about the development and financing of industrial, infrastructure and other projects.

2:30 PM-4:30 PM
GALLERY PLACE, M3

**HEALTH LAW AND LIFE SCIENCES**
to address legal issues encountered by members of the Business Law Section who serve life science and health care clients and their business associates. The Committee strives to provide valuable content to its members and to promote discussion and interaction among its members. The Committee is actively working to increase its membership through its activities. The Committee strives to provide at least three substantive programs annually at various Business Law Section Meetings and to cosponsor programs of interest to the Committee. These meetings will provide an opportunity for members of the Section to discuss legal issues related to the life science and health care industry and help members serve their clients.

3:00 PM-4:00 PM
WOODLEY PARK, M3

**CORPORATE COUNSEL**
to provide a forum for corporate counsel to discuss the myriad issues facing corporation counsel today. It also seeks to generate discussion with lawyers from private practices and with representatives of agencies that regulate corporate activity.

3:30 PM-5:00 PM
ARCHIVES, M4

**LEGAL OPINIONS**
to deal with legal opinion practice. We seek to foster national standards for legal opinions in business transactions through discussions, programs and reports on issues relevant to opinion practice.

4:00 PM-5:00 PM
CAPITOL & CONGRESS, M4

**BUSINESS AND CORPORATE LITIGATION**
to focus on the principal substantive areas of litigation affecting business enterprises and to promote the establishment of business courts and other effective means of resolving business disputes.

4:30 PM-6:00 PM
CHINATOWN, M3

**MIDDLE MARKET AND SMALL BUSINESS**
to serve corporate and transactional lawyers who counsel small and mid-sized enterprises controlled by families, entrepreneurs, PEGs or VC firms, and smaller publicly-held companies.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

9:30 AM-11:00 AM
MAGNOLIA, 2ND FLOOR

**LAW AND ACCOUNTING**
to explore the intersection of law with accounting matters, focusing in particular on the impact of accounting and financial reporting matters in the securities laws, to assist business attorneys in understanding and applying accounting and auditing issues in their practices.
10:30 AM-12:00 PM
SCARLET OAK, 2ND FLOOR
**NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS**
to serve as a resource for nonprofit lawyers on issues affecting nonprofit organizations in a rapidly changing legal and regulatory environment and to monitor and update the Model Nonprofit Corporation Act.

11:00 AM-12:00 PM
MAGNOLIA, 2ND FLOOR
**AUDIT RESPONSES**
to be a resource concerning lawyers’ responses to auditor inquiries and related financial reporting and disclosure issues, focusing on implementation of the “treaty” reached with accountants in the ABA Statement of Policy regarding audit responses.

3:00 PM-5:00 PM
SALON 6, M2
**MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS**
to discuss, debate and educate its members on the legal issues relating to, and to collaborate with law schools, the judiciary and investment banking and other professionals to establish best practices for, M&A and related transactions, including with respect to the process of negotiating, documenting and bringing these transactions to market.