

Michigan Chamber of Commerce Creates Litigation Center To Protect Legal Interests of Job Providers

The Michigan Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the formation of the Michigan Chamber Litigation Center, a nonprofit organization dedicated to championing important precedent-setting legal issues before state and federal courts.

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"A sound legal climate will not singularly lift our economy out of recession, but it is clear that there is a direct correlation between a state's legal environment and its economic competitiveness," said Michigan Chamber President & CEO Rich Studley.

"We are building on our track record as a leader in legal reform and will dedicate even more resources to ensuring that our legal system is truly focused on sound decisions that bring stability and improve Michigan's business climate," said Bob LaBrant, Senior Vice President of Political Affairs and General Counsel for the Michigan Chamber.

"The litigation center will be a valuable complement to the Chamber's legislative advocacy," noted Jim Holcomb, Vice President of Business Advocacy and Associate General Counsel for the Michigan Chamber. "It doesn't matter how many good laws get enacted if state or local government agencies ignore legislative intent; the litigation center will ensure that the viewpoint of the business community is communicated in important cases."

The Michigan Chamber of Commerce is celebrating its 50th year as a statewide business organization, now representing more than 7,000 employers, trade associations and local chambers of commerce. The Michigan Chamber was established in 1959 to be an advocate for Michigan's job providers in the legislative, political and legal process. It is only one of four state chambers of commerce in the nation accredited by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

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