

## Cases Eligible for Assignment to the Business Court:

The jurisdiction of the Business Court is defined by MCL 600.8031 et seq., which takes precedence in the event of any contradiction, with the following:

- Cases in which all of the parties are business enterprises.
- Cases in which one or more of the parties is a business enterprise and the other parties are its or their present or former owners, managers, shareholders, members, directors, officers, agents, employees, suppliers, or competitors, and the claims arise out of those relationships.
- Cases in which one of the parties is a nonprofit organization and the claims arise out of that party's organizational structure, governance, or finances.
- Cases involving the sale, merger, purchase, combination, dissolution, liquidation, organizational structure, governance, or finances of a business enterprise.



## Business or commercial disputes also include, but are not limited to, the following types of cases:

- Cases involving information technology, software, or website development, maintenance, or hosting.
- Cases involving the internal organization of business entities and the rights or obligations of shareholders, partners, members, owners, officers, directors, or managers.
- Cases arising out of contractual agreements or other business dealings, including licensing, trade secret, intellectual property, antitrust, securities, noncompete, nonsolicitation, and confidentiality agreements if all available administrative remedies are completely exhausted, including, but not limited to, alternative dispute resolution processes prescribed in the agreements.
- Cases arising out of commercial transactions, including commercial bank transactions.
- Cases arising out of business or commercial insurance policies.
- Cases involving commercial real property.

## Business or commercial disputes expressly exclude the following types of actions:

- Personal injury actions including, but not limited to, wrongful death and malpractice actions.
- Product liability actions in which any claimant is an individual.
- Matters within the jurisdiction of the family division of circuit court.
- Proceedings under the probate code of 1939, 1939 PA 288, MCL 710.21 to 712A.32.
- Proceedings under the estates and protected individuals code, 1998 PA 386, MCL 700.1101 to 700.8206.
- Criminal matters.
- Condemnation matters.
- Appeals from lower courts or any administrative agency.
- Proceedings to enforce judgments of any kind.
- Landlord-tenant matters involving only residential property.
- Land contract or mortgage foreclosure matters involving residential property.
- Motor vehicle insurance coverage under the insurance code of 1956, 1956 PA 218, MCL 500.100 to 500.8302, except where 2 or more parties to the action are insurers as that term is defined under section 106 of the insurance code of 1956, 1956 PA 218, MCL 500.106.
- Insurance coverage disputes in which an insured or an alleged insured is an individual consumer.
- Employment discrimination.
- Civil rights including, but not limited to, an action brought under any of the following:
  - The Elliott-Larsen civil rights act, 1976 PA 453, MCL 37.2101 to 37.2804.
  - The persons with disabilities civil rights act, 1976 PA 220, MCL 37.1101 to 37.1607.
  - Chapter XXI of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.146 to 750.148.
- Wrongful discharge, except for actions involving corporate officers or directors.
- Worker's compensation claims under the worker's disability compensation act, 1969 PA 317, MCL 418.101 to 418.941.

