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## John H. Stout Appointed to the Governing Council of the American Bar Association's Business Law Section

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Attorney John H. Stout has been appointed to the Governing Council of the American Bar Association's Business Law Section, and the Council's Planning Committee. The Council oversees the operations and financial affairs of the Section, including membership, products and member benefits. It also authorizes special initiatives such as the formation of a working group to develop Anti-Trafficking Business Conduct Standards which resulted in the recently released "ABA Model Business and Supplier Policies on Labor Trafficking and Child Labor." Stout was a member of that Task Force.

The Council's Planning Committee considers the strategic objectives of the Section over the next five to ten years, and recommends short- and long-term plans for the Council's approval.

In August 2011, Stout was appointed to a three-year term as Chair of the Corporate Governance Committee of the American Bar Association's Business Law Section. He advises executives, boards of directors, board committees, and individual directors and officers of for-profit and nonprofit organizations on domestic and international governance, risk assessment, indemnification and insurance, legal compliance, internal investigations, board and director evaluations, sustainability matters and the legal implications of business strategies and decisions. Stout chairs Fredrikson's Corporate Governance Group and co-chairs its Media & Entertainment Group. He is also a member of Fredrikson's Securities, Mergers & Acquisitions, and International Groups.

The mission of the American Bar Association's Business Law Section is "... to serve its members, the profession, and the public by providing educational resources to its members, assisting members in serving their clients ethically and competently, and furthering the development and improvement of business law."

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