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Submitted to the Committee on Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence
For HB 40

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I support the Business Courts Improvements Bill which is contained in HB 40 by Landgraf. The Texas business court is one of the best developments in the Texas court system in the last 40 years. The improvements being made by HB 40 in the statutory provisions relating to the business are important and should be given positive consideration by Texas House members and the members of this Committee.

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I am a lawyer, now retired from full time work after having been a partner at two large law firms and general counsel of three companies whose stock was traded on the New York Stock Exchange. I'm also a former chair of the Business Law Section of the State Bar and a director of a large Dallas-headquartered utility incorporated in Texas and interim vice chair of the Texas Business Law Foundation. I provide that information for background only, for the views I express are my own and not necessarily those of any of the foregoing entities or organizations.

I strongly urge the Committee to recommend passage of HB 40. Business courts are a key driver of attracting and retaining business in Texas. Having judges familiar with commercial and governance law provides better and more predictable guidance. This bill builds on last session's creation of business courts in Texas by making several tweaks designed to assure they achieve these goals. I encourage you to vote in favor.

Respectfully,
John Ale