

REAL PROPERTY SECTION

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The section had a productive year and continued to thrive with an active membership led by its 11-member board of governors, 13 subcommittees and more than 50 area representatives. The section remained the third largest, with 1,881 members.

The section held quarterly board meetings in Charlottesville, Williamsburg and Virginia Beach, where the board, subcommittees and area representatives planned seminars and publications and addressed a variety of issues affecting real estate, including title insurance, bankruptcy, environmental, land use, ethics, housing and information technology.

The section's newsletter, *The Fee Simple*, one of the best of its kind, published two extremely informative issues, thanks to the continuing leadership of its editor, Lynda Butler, vice dean and professor at the Marshall Wythe School of Law at The College of William and Mary, the tireless efforts of her assistant, Felicia Burton, and the contributions of numerous authors.

The section hosted three seminars (as listed herein) and is grateful to Lee Hickok of Virginia CLE for his expertise and guidance in organizing the annual and advanced real property seminars; to Michael Barney, Howard Gordon, Grice McMullan and Susan Pesner for planning the advanced real estate seminar; to Steve Blaine, chair of the Land Use Subcommittee, for planning the VSB annual meeting CLE real estate workshop on land use issues; and the countless members and guest speakers who prepared written material and lectured at the seminars and workshop to make them all a success.

A summary of the section's activities this past year is as follows:

- Presented the following CLE seminars and workshop:
 - 5th Annual Advanced Real Estate Seminar in Charlottesville
 - 19th Annual Real Estate Practice Seminar in Falls Church, Richmond, Norfolk and Roanoke
 - VSB Annual Meeting CLE Real Estate Workshop on land use in Virginia Beach
- The First Day in Practice Subcommittee, chaired by Ed Waugaman, distributed standard real estate forms on disk and *Virginia Homebuyer's Manuals* to new admittees at the First Day in Practice Seminar
- The Current Developments and Legislation Subcommittee worked with the VBA Wills, Trusts and Estates Section in a study of proposed changes to the law of estate administration
- The Information and Technology Subcommittee, chaired by Doug Dewing, updated the section's Web site
- The membership worked on a revised *Real Estate Handbook* to include commercial property
- The membership contributed articles for the section's newsletter, *The Fee Simple*

