

## REPORTS OF THE SECTIONS

### REAL PROPERTY SECTION

*Stephen R. Romine, Chair*

The section had a productive year and continued to thrive with an active membership led by its board of governors, 13 subcommittees and more than 50 area representatives. The section remained the third largest—with 1,839 members.

The section held quarterly board meetings in Charlottesville, Williamsburg and Virginia Beach. The board, subcommittees and area representatives planned seminars and publications and addressed a variety of issues affecting real estate. Issues included 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 College of William and Mary Marshall-Wythe School of Law, and the tireless efforts of her assistant, Felicia Burton, and the contributions of numerous authors.

The section hosted three seminars and is grateful to Lee Hickok of Virginia CLE for his expertise and guidance in organizing the annual and advanced real property seminars; to Larry McElwain for planning the advanced real estate seminar; and to 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:  
6th Annual Advanced Real Estate Seminar in Charlottesville;  
20th Annual Real Estate Practice Seminar in Falls Church, Richmond, Norfolk and Roanoke; and  
VSB Annual Meeting CLE Real Estate Workshop on hot topics 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 contributed articles for the section's newsletter, *The Fee Simple*.

