

## REPORTS OF THE SECTIONS

### REAL PROPERTY SECTION

*Paula S. Caplinger, chair*

The Real Property Section focused on providing service to its membership and is pleased to report an increase in total members for the year. Presently, the section has 1,985 members, making ours the third-largest section.

The board of directors and area representatives of the section met quarterly in Charlottesville and twice in Williamsburg and Virginia Beach. Our subcommittee structure is working well and we have standing subcommittees that focus on the newsletter, membership, programs and technology. We have substantive subcommittees that focus on commercial real estate, creditors' rights and bankruptcy, ethics, land use and environmental matters, residential real estate and title insurance. The section thrives because so many devoted members give of their time and efforts to benefit the group.

The section co-sponsored three continuing legal education seminars this year. The twenty-second annual Real Estate Practice Seminar was presented in Fairfax, Richmond, Norfolk and Roanoke. The eighth annual Advanced Real Estate Seminar took place in April in Williamsburg and the section cosponsored a CLE seminar on "American Institute of Architects Contract Forms Revisited" for the VSB Annual Meeting in Virginia Beach. We extend our sincere gratitude to Virginia CLE, all of our speakers, program planners and "behind the scenes" organizers.

The section's newsletter, *The Fee Simple*, continues as a primer for our members on current real estate topics. Two issues of this publication were offered this year. Without the diligence of Lynda Butler, Court Traver and Felicia Burton, this publication would not be possible. The contributions of all of our authors are also invaluable.

The section continues to refine our Web site. We actively solicit new members at the First Day in Practice Seminar. This year we surveyed our membership on the future of residential and commercial real estate practice. We hope to use their suggestions to meet the needs of our members.

We are fortunate to have enthusiastic, dedicated members and I am pleased to report that the Real Property Section continues to grow and offer its members many valuable tools to enhance their practices.

