

# REPORTS OF THE SECTIONS

## LITIGATION SECTION

Jeffrey H. Gray, Chair

The Litigation Section once again sponsored the VSB Law in Society Award Competition, an essay contest for high school students. The section made a financial contribution of \$3,000, which covered the costs for printing and mailing of contest materials, as well as the student prizes. Members of the Litigation Section's young lawyers group served as judges in the final round of scoring.

The section showed its support for the Virginia State Bar's public education advertising campaign by donating \$11,500 to offset the cost of placing the ads in print publications around the state. The series of five advertisements illustrates how lawyers protect the rights of Virginia citizens.

R. Lee Livingston was editor of Litigation News, and successfully compiled and published fall, winter and spring newsletters.

The popular VSB publication, *Appellate Advocacy in the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals of Virginia*, was revised by the Litigation Section in October 1998. The revision efforts were led by Melissa W. Scoggins and Frank K. Friedman.

The 1998 VSB Annual MidYear Legal Seminar in Madrid, Spain, was the site of a Litigation Section CLE seminar. "Voir Dire and Batson Challenges: The Law, The Procedure, The Ethics" was presented by the Hon. Lydia Calvert Taylor on November 8, 1998.

The topic of the section's CLE workshop at the 1999 VSB Annual Meeting was "Lawyer Advertising: Who's Paying the Price?"

Numerous members of the section volunteered for or were appointed to serve on special committees and task forces. Ann K. Crenshaw was appointed as VSB Technology Task Force liaison. Samuel Vernon Priddy, III was appointed chair of the Appellate Practice Subcommittee. Robert T. Hall replaced Mary L. Tate on the board of governors.

Officers were elected for the 1999-2000 fiscal year as follows: Susan C. Armstrong, chair; Glenn W. Pulley, vice chair; and Frank K. Friedman, secretary. ❧