

REPORTS OF THE SECTIONS

TAXATION SECTION

John W. Flora, Chair

Leadership for this section during 1998–1999 and the newly-elected leadership for 1999–2000 are set forth below:

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A. Kirkland M. Kelley	Vice Chair
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Section-Sponsored Seminars

The Tax Section continued to co-sponsor the William & Mary Tax Conference, which is held annually in Williamsburg on the first weekend in December, as well as the Federal Tax Institute, which is held annually at the University of Virginia during the first weekend in June. Both CLE programs focused primarily on various areas of federal taxation.

Our section also sponsored two other seminars that are targeted more specifically for Virginia tax practitioners. For the second year in a row, the Section helped sponsor the State And Local Tax Institute (SALT), held at the University of Richmond. For the first time, the Section also helped sponsor the Community Tax Law Project CLE program in Richmond which provided guidance to Virginia tax practitioners in fulfilling some of their pro bono professionalism requirements in service to indigent taxpayers.

Annual Meeting Seminar

At the Virginia Beach annual meeting, the section co-sponsored a program with the Special Committee on Access to Legal Services titled “The Ethics of Charitable Giving.” The meeting was well attended, and the section is grateful to those responsible for preparing and planning the program, namely Kirkland Kelley, as well as the speakers who gave a very informative presentation.

Liaison Meetings

The Tax Section Board of Governors agreed that the IRS/ABA Southeast Region Bar Liaison meeting and the Virginia/West Virginia IRS District Bar Liaison meeting are important functions that require the Section’s support. The Board of Governors formalized its support for these meetings which are both normally conducted in November by agreeing that the Chair each year would be expected to attend the Southeast Region meeting as the Bar’s representative and would be responsible for identifying two or three members of the Board of Governors to attend the District meeting. Members of the Tax Section should be in touch with one of the officers if there are particular issues that members would like to have addressed at either of the two Bar Liaison meetings.

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Publications

After many years, the Board of Governors agreed to stop the production of the Virginia Tax Reporter. Information to members regarding how to find various Virginia tax materials that had previously been part of the Reporter will be published in upcoming newsletters and will hopefully soon become linked to the Tax Section's Web site, which will be enhanced next year. The Board of Governors recommitted itself to publishing at least two newsletters per year, particularly in light of the cancellation of the Virginia Tax Reporter project. ❁