

REAL PROPERTY

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The board of governors and area representatives of the Real Property Section met each quarter of fiscal 2007 to discuss real property law and legislation, to provide notice to section members of legal issues and changes in statutes. Board meetings were held in Charlottesville on September 8, 2006, in Williamsburg on January 19, 2007, and February 23, 2007, and in Virginia Beach on June 15, 2007. Important issues were then brought to the attention of the section's membership through the section's semi-annual publication, the *Fee Simple*, and at section-supported seminars conducted by Virginia CLE.

In support of Virginia CLE, the section participated in the Eleventh Annual Advanced Real Estate Seminar in Williamsburg on January 19, 2007, and the Twenty-fifth Annual Real Estate Seminar at four locations around the commonwealth. Both seminars were well-attended.

In conjunction with the Virginia State Bar Bankruptcy Section, the Real Property Section presented a panel discussion on June 15, 2007, during the VSB Annual Meeting, on the topic "Fighting the Trustee: Strategy and Tactics to Defeat a Bankruptcy Trustee's Attempt to Take Your Client's Property," with Bruce Davis, Philip Hart, and Robert S. Bozarth as the panelists. Forty-five to fifty people attended the seminar.

For the first time, the section established an e-mail list that includes all officers, directors, ex officio section members, and area representatives. The list allowed discussions of the practice of real estate law and legislation. There has been heavy participation among those on the list. Participants uncovered legislation that is not clear and needs correction, and they assisted each other with questions about impending legal issues. Attempts were made during fiscal 2007 to obtain better geographic coverage area representatives, and to have each of the section's subcommittees communicate with each of their members between the quarterly meetings of the section.

Overall, the activities of the section seemed to be enthusiastically received by our membership. It is hoped that the goals of the section will continue to provide value to its members.

