

**VIRGINIA STATE BAR
CONSTRUCTION AND PUBLIC CONTRACTS LAW SECTION
FIVE YEAR PLAN REPORT
2009-2014**

Bylaws:

A thorough review of the Section's bylaws yielded a few revisions which the Section recommended to the Board of Governors. The revisions will be presented to the membership of the Section at the annual meeting in June 2009.

Goals, Objectives and Implementation

The Section and its Board of Governors has been active in various programs, committee projects and initiatives each year including, but not limited to: the Summer and Fall CLE Programs (the Fall CLE Program being a concentrated two day event providing an entire year's CLE credit), Newsletter (published twice yearly), Handbook, Website, contributions to The Virginia Lawyer, and other publications (for example, in 2008, the Section, in partnership with Va CLE, published a two volume Desk Book on Virginia Construction Law). It shall be a continuing goal and objection for the Section and Board to continue to pursue and promote these programs, projects and initiatives.

To implement these goals and objectives, the Board will continue to rely upon the Board committees to deliver these programs, projects and initiatives. To further assure commitment and vitality to these programs, projects and initiatives, the Board will continue its annual practice of assigning program and committee responsibilities to Board members upon election at each annual meeting.

Over the next several years, the Board will explore additional activities, to include:

- **Education:** The Board will review from time to time possible expansion of education programs to complement the Summer and Fall CLE Programs which may also include the addition of regional programs. Regional programs could include various regions within the state and/or working in conjunction with neighboring states to produce a multi-state regional program.
- **Publications:** The Board anticipates preparation of an addendum to the Desk Book. The current thinking is that an addendum every five years would be appropriate.
- **Networking:** The Board anticipates that it will look further into opportunities to meet and network in an informal setting outside of CLE. Dinners in various regions within the state were discussed as an option. This could also include charitable or community service events. The Board will appreciate any information available from the VSB and its staff regarding networking done by other Sections and the benefits of such networking. The Board and its Fall

Program Committee may also look for opportunities to expand social/networking events at the Fall CLE Program.

- **Communication:** The Board of Governors will look further into whether the Section should establish a list service for Section members to learn of upcoming events, share ideas, seek assistance on various questions or issues, and otherwise exchange information.
- **Membership:** The Board will explore ways to entice new members to join the Section. In this regard, the Board will recognize new Section members in the Section's Newsletter. Further, the Board and its Fall Program Committee will look into developing a session in the Fall CLE Program for young/new lawyers.
- **Continuing Commitment:** The Board will explore ways to maintain involvement in the Section by past members of the Board in order to continue to benefit from the insight and experience of past Board members.
- **CLE Sponsors:** The Fall CLE Program enjoyed sponsorships by construction industry participants (such as consultants) in 2007 and 2008. The Board will encourage each Board member and the membership in general to express their appreciation for the sponsors' contributions, particularly by visiting each sponsor's booth at the Fall CLE Program.