

Education of Lawyers Section

by Prof. A. Benjamin Spencer, Chair

Membership

As of June 2011, the Education of Lawyers Section had 418 members.

Budget

The budget for fiscal year 2010-11 was \$11,000.

2012 Conclave Planning

The Section is planning on hosting a Conclave on legal education reform in the spring of 2012. A committee, chaired by President Taylor Reveley of William & Mary and Bill Rakes, has been set up to plan this event.

Core Competencies Committee

This year the Section created a Core Competencies Committee, chaired by Judge Waugh Crigler. The purpose of this committee was to survey the law schools, the bench, and the bar, as well as previous studies, to obtain views on the core competencies one needs to be a successful practicing attorney. They are in the process of refining and finalizing their findings, which will be used to support the planning and focus of the 2012 Conclave.

Prelaw Committee

This year the Section created a Prelaw Committee, Chaired by Bill Thro. This committee spent the year planning for a number of regional Prelaw Conferences for high school students in 2012. The first conference is scheduled for February 18, 2012 at Regent University Law School. The purpose of these half-day conferences will be to enable high school students to learn about the profession and the requirements for law school admissions. Speakers will include lawyers from a variety of practice fields, judges, and law students.

Professionalism Program

The Section presented a professionalism program for law students at each of the eight law schools in Virginia. Judge Crigler and Bill Glover led this effort.

Newsletter

The Section published two editions of its newsletter, *Education & Practice*, under the leadership of Prof. Jim Boland.

Officers

Officers elected for 2011-12 were Prof. A. Benjamin Spencer, Chair, Judge Waugh Crigler, Vice Chair, and William Glover, secretary. Larry Hoover is immediate past chair.