At its meeting on October 7, 2016, in Roanoke, the Virginia State Bar Council heard the following significant reports and took the following actions:

**Mandatory Reporting of Pro Bono**
By a vote of 25-29, the council rejected a proposal to endorse the Access to Justice Commission proposal to adopt mandatory pro bono reporting in Virginia.

**Amendments to Paragraph 13-24**
The council unanimously approved proposed amendments to Part 6 § IV, ¶ 13-24 regarding reciprocal discipline. The amendments would clarify what qualifies as another jurisdiction for reciprocal discipline purposes; clarify the disciplinary board’s authority to impose the same, equivalent, or lesser discipline as another jurisdiction; allow for leniency as appropriate; and provide the disciplinary board with discretion in enforcing the default provision. The proposed amendments will be presented to the Supreme Court of Virginia for its consideration.

**Revision to Section 54.1-3935**
The council unanimously approved a revision to Section 54.1-3935 of the Code of Virginia, which provides the procedure for an attorney or the VSB to demand that an attorney disciplinary matter proceed before a three-judge circuit court in lieu of a district committee or the disciplinary board of the VSB. The revision was prompted by concerns that the statute’s provisions are antiquated, predate the current Rules of Court that govern disciplinary proceedings, and do not reflect the actual practice of the courts or the VSB in attorney disciplinary matters. The proposal is subject to approval by the Supreme Court of Virginia before forwarding to the Virginia legislature for consideration.

**Amendments to Part 6, Section IV, Paragraph 13.1**
The council unanimously approved amendments to Paragraph 13.1 regarding suspension for failure to complete the Professionalism Course. The amendments authorize the VSB executive director to grant, for good cause, an extension request from a member who fails to complete the Professionalism Course by the deadline. The proposed amendments will be presented to the Supreme Court of Virginia for its consideration.

**Legal Ethics Opinion 1886**
The council unanimously approved proposed LEO 1886, which concerns the duty of partners and supervisory lawyers in a law firm when another lawyer in the firm suffers from significant impairment. The proposal will be presented to the Supreme Court of Virginia for its consideration.

**IP Section Student Writing Competition Awards**
The VSB Intellectual Property Section presented its 2016 Law Student Writing Competition award to Mary Catherine Amerine, a third-year student at the College of William & Mary Law School. Amerine’s paper was titled “Wrestling Over Republication Rights: Who Owns the Copyright of Interviews?” The section also presented a second place award to Kalina Parker, a 2016 graduate of the College of William & Mary Law School. Parker’s paper was titled “Diluting Designers: An Analysis of Whether Designer-Department Store Partnerships Constitute Self-Dilution and Whether Such Behavior Should Have Legal Consequences.” The awards were presented at the section’s 28th annual fall CLE meeting in Williamsburg. Each year, the IP Section runs the Law School Student Writing Competition for students at law schools in Virginia or Virginia residents attending law schools outside of the state. The winning papers are chosen by former section chair Judge Richard Linn of the US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. The winner receives a $5,000 cash award and the runner-up receives a $2,500 cash award. Details about the competition and copies of the winning papers are available at the section’s website.
In Memoriam

Douglas C. Arthur  
Strasburg  
July 1942 – August 2016

Robert Thomas Barker  
Memphis, Tennessee  
February 1966 – July 2016

Edward Bell Jr.  
Ft. Myers, Florida  
August 1939 – July 2016

Robert W. Bendall  
Manassas  
April 1947 – April 2016

John Ernest Betts  
Springfield  
December 1946 – September 2016

Stephen Winston Bricker  
Richmond  
April 1947 – October 2016

William Lundy Brown  
Alexandria  
March 1922 – April 2016

Kelly Ann Chang  
Chesapeake  
April 1987 – September 2016

R. C. Coleburn  
Clifton  
March 1923 – April 2016

George Burton Cooley Jr.  
Hillsville  
May 1953 – August 2016

James Nichol Deinlein  
Charlottesville  
June 1945 – August 2016

Ralph M. Dillow Jr.  
Bristol  
August 1929 – October 2016

Cornelius H. Doherty Jr.  
Woodbridge  
August 1935 – January 2016

The Honorable Judith Donovan  
Washington, DC  
October 1940 – September 2016

G. Warthen Downs  
Glen Allen  
December 1933 – September 2016

James Meegan Erikson  
Williamsburg  
June 1943 – June 2016

James Anthony Falletta  
North Tonawanda, New York  
August 1951 – February 2016

Jerald Saul Feingold  
Fairfax  
July 1952 – July 2016

Alan G. Fleischer  
Richmond  
May 1917 – August 2016

Jeffrey Alan Fleischhauer  
Roanoke  
July 1954 – September 2016

Anthony J. Gambardella  
Richmond  
October 1946 – October 2016

B. F. Jennings  
Fairfax  
August 1925 – September 2016

Robert Wayne Lawrence  
Newport News  
March 1948 – August 2016

Ralph G. Louk  
Fairfax  
August 1925 – June 2016

Barbara Grant Mason  
Emporia  
April 1953 – October 2016

James Bryan Miller  
Arlington  
August 1932 – September 2016

Gregory David Morin  
Boston, Massachusetts  
April 1983 – March 2016

Patricia Ann Lacey Nunley  
Richmond  
June 1955 – June 2016

Henry G. Pannell  
Atlanta, Georgia  
July 1937 – September 2016

The Honorable Charles A. Perkinson  
Lawrenceville  
December 1938 – August 2016

Benton H. Pollok  
Urbana  
September 1927 – May 2016

Leonard Sargeant III  
Williamsburg  
March 1931 – September 2016

Peter Nash Swisher  
Crozier  
January 1944 – June 2016

Kenneth Dale Tremain  
South Salem, New York  
December 1934 – August 2016

Charles Edward Wehand  
Raleigh, North Carolina  
March 1930 – July 2016

Frederick Lee Welther  
Falls Church  
July 1938 – February 2016

Daniel Paul Westman  
McLean  
June 1956 – May 2016

Roger Louis Williams  
Richmond  
December 1952 – October 2016