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The Senior Lawyers Conference (SLC) board of governors, with the help of the staff at the Virginia State Bar, has established the SLC Web site, which may be accessed by going through the VSB home page at www.vsb.org or by going directly to www.vsb.org/slc. The Web site contains a wealth of valuable information and publications, as well as links to many sites that will be helpful to our clients and to us.

Because our SLC membership is more than 6,800, in order to make the best use of our limited budgetary resources, the board of governors has elected to use the SLC Web site to communicate with our members, and to provide information and publications of interest. In addition, information and notices are placed in the *Virginia Lawyer*, the *Local Bar Connection* and in other bar publications.

Among the publications available on the SLC Web site and/or printed are:

Senior Lawyer Newsletter; *Health Care Decision Making: What You Need to Know*; *Planning Ahead: Protecting Your Client's Interests in The Event of Your Disability or Death*; *Senior Citizens Handbook* (in English and Spanish); *Wills In Virginia*; and the *Virginia Lawyer* December 2000 senior lawyers' theme issue. Please pay particular attention to the article on planning for disability or death, since this is a matter of ongoing concern to the bar, both from the point of view of meeting our obligations to our clients, and from the point of view of obviating the need for receiverships with the concomitant drain on the budgetary resources of the bar.

There are links on our site to more than 53 other Web sites (many of which provide links to other sites), including: the Virginia Department for the Aging; the Virginia Department of

Social Services; the Virginia Health Information; senior sites; the Virginia General Assembly, including the Legislative Information System and the Code of Virginia; the Social Security Administration; Medicare; Medicaid; the Virginia State Bar; The Virginia Bar Association; the Virginia State Corporation Commission; the Internal Revenue Service; the Virginia judicial system; the U. S. Supreme Court; the U. S. Tax Court; free legal research sites; the American Association of Retired Persons; the Virginia Department of Taxation; sites about charitable giving and many other sites of interest to senior lawyers and senior citizens.

The fall edition of the *Senior Lawyer Newsletter*, under the outstanding direction of its editor, Frank Crenshaw of Norfolk, contains a collection of timely articles, including: the chair's message on the importance of lawyers' pro bono efforts, particularly in the aftermath of September 11, 2001; a thought-provoking article by Clarence M. Dunnaville, Jr., on gender bias in the courts of the Commonwealth; Thomas C. Gordon, Jr.'s reminiscences about the late John S. Eggleston; Jack Kay's reminiscences about the late Sloan Kuykendall; Anne B. Shumadine's comments on the 2001 Tax Act; Frank Crenshaw's editorial comment on the important role of lawyers in overcoming fear and in promoting a balanced response to the threat of terrorism; and Mortimer M. Caplin's thoughts on the state of lawyering, particularly regarding ancillary business activities and multidisciplinary practice.

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