

# Great Ideas Come from Great People

by Judy Lee August, General Practice Section Chair

On behalf of the General Practice Section of the Virginia State Bar, we are honored to be featured in Virginia Lawyer. General practice attorneys have traditionally made up a large portion of the Virginia State Bar's membership. The section currently has 656 members and is always growing. Our section works very hard to promote diverse activities that enhance the competence and skill of Virginia lawyers engaged in the general practice of law. Some of the highlighted activities include co-sponsoring the First Day in Practice Continuing Legal Education Seminar for new admittees; bestowing the Tradition of Excellence Award (which annually recognizes outstanding general practice attorneys in Virginia who embody the highest tradition of personal and professional excellence and who have significantly benefited their community and helped to enhance the image and esteem of general practice attorneys in the commonwealth); publishing our "General Practice Plus" newsletter; and presenting a continuing legal education workshop at the Virginia State Bar Annual Meeting in June.

As chair of the General Practice Section, I have had the opportunity to work with knowledgeable, skilled and enthusiastic committee members and VSB staff. Great ideas come from great people, and I'm lucky to be surrounded by them. Our team includes Mona Flax (vice chair), Charles Adams (secretary), Powell Duggan (immediate past chair), Kathleen McKee (newsletter editor), Jill Dickerson, Alexander Dillard Jr., Debora Embrey, Daniel Farnsworth Jr., Linda Lambert, David Masterman, George Shanks, Alexander Simon, the Honorable Barbara Gaden, the Honorable Thomas Hoover, the Honorable Winship Tower and Patricia Sliger (Virginia State Bar liaison). In addition, many of our members make significant contributions and offer their talents to help us achieve our goals. We share information on everything from current legal issues to more efficient law-office management.

If you are a member, or you would like to become a member, then we want to hear from you. It is our hope that you can learn from us and we can learn for you! Please contact the General Practice Section on our Web site—[www.vsbgps.org](http://www.vsbgps.org)—or by writing the Virginia State Bar, Suite 1500, 707 East Main Street, Richmond 23219-2800; or by calling (804) 775-0576.



The Board of Governors of the Virginia State Bar's General Practice Section includes (left to right) Mona S. Flax, vice chair; David Masterman; Pat Sliger, VSB staff liaison; George Shanks; Judy L. August, chair; Powell Duggan, immediate past chair; Dan Farnworth; Charles Adams, secretary.