

BANKRUPTCY LAW SECTION

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The Bankruptcy Law Section, during the year ending June 30, 2001, continued to pursue its traditional activities as well as some new ones. Much time was spent on issues regarding the distribution and presentation of the video produced by the Bankruptcy Law Section entitled, "Chapter 7, *Your Rights and Responsibilities*." A subcommittee, headed by Dale A. Davenport, worked with the United States Trustee for the Fourth Circuit and the local Assistant United States Trustees for the Eastern and Western Districts of Virginia to arrange for the presentation of these videos in conjunction with 341 meetings in Chapter 7 cases. These videos are now being presented and the feedback has been positive. The section is planning to produce a similar video for Chapter 13 debtors.

The *Bankruptcy Law News*, under the editorship of Rebecca B. Connelly, produced four excellent issues. This publication continues to be an outstanding resource. This spring Malissa Lambert Giles succeeded Rebecca B. Connelly as editor of the *Bankruptcy Law News*.

The Bankruptcy Law Section continued its work with Virginia CLE, planning and supplying speakers for Virginia CLE's presentation of its annual Bankruptcy Law Fundamental Seminar. In addition, in view of pending legislation to amend the Bankruptcy Code, the bankruptcy section is prepared on short notice to offer seminars throughout the state on the new legislation.

The bankruptcy section, with guidance from Professor A. Mechele Dickerson, continued to work to update its Web site. Members and others can access the board of governors' minutes, calendar of coming events and information concerning the *Bankruptcy Law News* on the Web site. The bankruptcy section produced a bankruptcy brochure, which also can be accessed on its Web site and is available in hard copy at the offices of the Virginia State Bar.

The section's annual meeting took place in Virginia Beach, Virginia, in conjunction with the Virginia State Bar annual meeting. The section's educational program was entitled, "Doing Business with Chapter 11 Debtors." Judge Douglas O. Tice, chief judge of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, served as moderator and Brian F. Kenney, H. Slayton Dabney, Jr. and Robert Van Arsdale were panelists. The program was well attended and received.

Following the CLE presentation, the section held its annual membership meeting. Members of the section elected Malissa Lambert Giles, Richard C. Maxwell and James R. Schroll as new members of the board of governors. Elected to serve a second three-year term was H. Bradley Evans and A. Mechele Dickerson. Retiring from the board were Rebecca B. Connelly, Helen P. Parrish and Jeffrey L. Tarkenton. Helen and Jeff had previously served as section chairs. Officers for the coming year are: Donna J. Hall, chair; Michael A. Condyles, vice-chair; and Dale A. Davenport, secretary.

