

**CONSTRUCTION LAW AND PUBLIC CONTRACTS SECTION**

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The Construction Law and Public Contracts Section pursued its traditional activities during the year and has under consideration some new ideas and the means by which section resources may be updated in a timely and useful manner.

The section's principal activity is the presentation of a seminar in the fall of the year at the Boar's Head Inn in Charlottesville intended not only to meet, in one sitting, all of the bar's annual CLE requirements, but even more, to provide members and other attendees with a comprehensive treatment of current issues and developments in construction law. The 21st annual meeting was very well attended and was, again, very well received.

The State Bar meeting in Virginia Beach on June 14-16 was also the occasion for the section's spring workshop, with a very interesting presentation on construction defects and the opportunities and pitfalls we face as practitioners.

We continue to prepare and distribute the *Construction and Public Contracts News*, which is produced approximately three times a year, and more often when the volume of court decisions warrant. Appearing in that publication are case reports of the latest decisions, as well as articles on specific topics of interest.

The section's *Handbook and Reference Manual*, first available on CD last year, has been the topic of discussions as to how updates will be prepared and distributed. In paper form, the manual has always been a handy reference work. Our goal is to see that its usefulness continues in electronic form.

Effective July 1, 2001, the new section officers are: John S. Norris, Jr., Virginia Beach, chair; Terence Murphy, Norfolk, vice-chair; Christine M. McAnney, McLean, secretary. Judge Arthur Viereg, Jr., continues as our judicial member. The board of governors' newest member is David Hearne of Chesapeake.

