

EDUCATION OF LAWYERS SECTION

Margaret Bacigal, Chair

The Section on Education of Lawyers continued in its mission to provide a forum for integrating the bench, bar and academia to improve the legal system in Virginia. Our section sponsored a CLE program on emerging trends in the legal system at the annual meeting in June. The program attracted an inquisitive audience, and Kathy Mays, director of judicial planning for the Supreme Court, presented an interesting and informative program about technological challenges and opportunities for lawyers, judges and court administrators in the 21st century. A panel, consisting of John B. Farmer, of McCandlish, Kaine, Rosemarie Hidalgo, president of the Hispanic Bar Association, Frederic I. Lederer, director of Court Room 21, Marshall Wythe School of Law, The College William & Mary, with Margaret Bacigal as moderator, discussed the issues and opportunities that are emerging from technological changes in society in general, and in law in particular.

Our section and the standing committee on professionalism continue to present a course on professionalism to first year law students. The programs were again organized by Judge Waugh Crigler and George Washington Law professor, Michael I. Krauss. They continue to do an outstanding job, and I express my thanks to them. This year, the program was given at The University of Virginia, George Mason University, and Regent University. While the attendance was voluntary, all sessions were well attended, and the evaluations from the students again confirmed that the program was a success. The section plans to continue these programs on an annual basis.

Under the leadership of our new editors, Lynn Marie Kohn and Eric DeGraff, our section published two newsletters of outstanding quality. I thank Lynn Marie and Eric for their good work and leadership, and the section looks forward to their continued efforts on behalf of our section.

Our section continues to receive financial support from the seven Virginia law schools, all of whom contribute to our annual operating budget. Ed Lowry, Ray Diaz and George Somerville also undertook an effort to seek contributions from law firms in the state. I want to thank Hunton & Williams; McGuireWoods, L.L.P.; Gentry Locke Rakes & Moore; Glasser & Glasser; Troutman, Sanders, Mays & Valentine; Michie, Hamlet, Lowry, Rasmussen & Tweel; Rees, Broome & Diaz; Williams, Mullen, Clark & Dobbins; and Edmunds & Williams for their generous support of our section. The section plans to continue its effort in the coming year to expand the number of law firms who make a contribution to our section's 2001-2002 operating budget.

New officers are:

Margaret Bacigal	Chair
Judge Rudolph Bumgardner	Vice Chair
Professor Michael L. Krauss	Secretary

In addition, the following new board members were elected to three year terms: William G. Broaddus, McGuireWoods, L.L.P.; Eric R. Thiessen, Penn, Stuart & Eskridge; Honorable R. Terrence Ney, Circuit Court of Fairfax County; Professor Margaret Ivey Bacigal, University of Richmond; Robert E. Glenn, Glenn, Feldmann, Darby & Goodlatte; William B. Poff, Woods, Rogers & Hazlegrove; Dean John Jeffries of the Virginia Law School.

I want to express my appreciation to all members of the committee for their support of the programs, which, I believe, have contributed to the mission of our section. The section is organized into seven standing committees:

- Admissions to the Bar
- Annual Meeting Planning
- Future Conclave Planning
- Education During Law School
- Fundraising and Law Firm Contributions
- New Projects
- Newsletter

