

GENERAL PRACTICE

Wanda Phillips Yoder, Chair

The General Practice Section had another productive year. We continue to add new members to our section. Following are several highlights from the past year:

First Day in Practice Seminar

The First Day in Practice Seminar is a program jointly sponsored with the Young Lawyers Conference. The October 31, 2000, program was a sell-out again this year. The following state court judges were speakers: Judge William L. Wimbish, Judge Randall G. Johnson, Judge Jerry Hendrick, Jr.; and U.S. District Court Judge Robert E. Payne. The experienced attorneys who spoke were: Judy L. August, Douglas K.W. Laudau, Craig S. Cooley, Jennifer Schooley Stringer, Malissa L. Giles, Johnson Kanady, III, and Johnathan R. Pond. Moderators were Wanda Phillips Yoder, chair of General Practice Section and Tracy A. Giles, president, Young Lawyers Conference.

A committee from the General Practice Section and the Young Lawyers Conference met to discuss a format change, adding some new sections, and supplying new speakers for those sections.

Tradition of Excellence Award

At the annual meeting, the section presented the Tradition of Excellence Award to T.L. Plunkett, Jr. The Roanoke Bar Association nominated Mr. Plunkett, describing him as a “giant of the bar.”

Annual Meeting Workshop

The workshop title this year was “DUI Defense: Issue Recognition.” Attendance this year was outstanding. Speakers for the workshop were Judge Sam Johnston, Judge Archer Yeatts, and attorneys Roger Hinde and Bill Watson. Wanda Phillips Yoder was moderator for the workshop.

Midyear Meeting in Florence, Italy

Board member, Carol Gravitt, has developed a continuing legal education section for the upcoming midyear meeting in Florence, Italy. Her title is “Basic Technology That Can Make You Richer.” The board voted to help with the costs of Carol attending this meeting to represent our section.

Officers for July 1, 2001–July 1, 2002

Evan Harris Farr, chair
Carol Benner Gravitt, vice-chair

Powell Lawson Duggan, secretary
Wanda Phillips Yoder, immediate past chair

Art Strickland is a new board member.

The section wishes to acknowledge the expertise of our liaison, Pat Sliger, who makes all things work smoothly.

