

LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW SECTION

Frank M. Morton, III, Chair

It was a productive year for the Local Government Section. Membership continued its growth pattern of recent years, we published four issues of the *Journal of Local Government Law*, and, in conjunction with the Environmental Law Section, we held an informative meeting at the 63rd Annual Meeting of the Virginia State Bar.

Again, through the efforts of our editor, the ever patient and persistent, Susan Warriner Custer, and the selfless efforts of our journal contributors, the section was able to produce a number of timely and informative articles. Those authors contributing to Volume XI were:

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The sections year was brought to a close with a very enlightening, and sometimes disturbing, presentation entitled "Pitfalls and Roadblocks: Environmental Challenges Facing Virginia's Local Governments in Protecting and Serving their Citizens." Bill Hackworth, Roanoke city attorney, moderated Paul R. Thomson, Jr., Woods, Rogers and Hazlegrove, and Charles L. Williams, Jr., Gentry, Locke, Rakes & Moore, as they discussed the keys to avoiding an environmental criminal investigation (training, auditing and an environmental management system) and municipal landfill liability. Christopher D. Pomeroy, McGuire Woods, followed with a very informative presentation on biosolids.

The meeting concluded with the annual business meeting for the election of officers and directors. Michael R. Packer was elected chair; William F. Devine was elected vice-chair; and Cynthia E. Hudson was elected secretary. Newly-elected to the board was Barbara M. Rose and re-elected to the board were Bill Devine and David Paxton.

I take this opportunity to thank Susan Warriner Custer and the board of governors for all their wonderful assistance during the year. I particularly want to thank my predecessor, David Bobzien, for his generous assistance.

