

TAX LAW SECTION

Steven J. Harwood, Chair

Section Seminars

The Tax Law Section held a seminar at the VSB annual meeting entitled, "Whassup for the Business Lawyer." The speakers included members of the board of governors: Steven J. Harwood, Elizabeth Atkinson, Kathleen McCormick and N. Pendleton Rogers. The topics discussed were due diligence for business transactions, recent developments in state and local taxation and like-kind exchanges. In addition, The Honorable Danny Payne, commissioner of the Virginia Department of Taxation, discussed recent developments at the department.

The section also participated in The College of William & Mary Tax Conference held in December 2000.

Publications

Under the editorship of Kathleen McCormick, the tax section is finalizing a newsletter that should be distributed to its members in September 2001.

Web Site

The Tax Law Section has a Web site under construction, which we look to roll out in the fall of 2001. It will provide information concerning Virginia tax issues, as well as links to the federal and state tax resources. As a result of the section's efforts and encouragement, the attorney general and the commissioner of rulings, which were previously summarized by the section in the *Virginia Tax Law Newsletter*, are now available on the Virginia Department of Taxation's Web site.

Annual Meeting

At the annual business meeting on June 15, 2001, the following officers were elected:

N. Pendleton Rogers, chair
Vacancy, vice-chair
C. Benton Burroughs, secretary

M. Powell Peters was elected as a new board member. There is one vacancy.

Expansion of Board /Activities

In an effort to increase its diversity and better meet the needs of the tax bar, the board is considering adding representatives from private companies and universities to the board. The board has initiated efforts to provide awards for superior tax writings by undergraduate students at Virginia colleges.

