

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PERSONAL INSURANCE FOR MEMBERS

R. Paul Childress, Jr., Chair

The Personal Insurance for Members Committee has been especially challenged this year in responding to the changes mandated by Trigon, the bar's health insurance carrier. Continued health insurance coverage for its members has been the primary focus of the committee's work this year, although the Virginia State Bar plans offer additional coverages to the members of the bar for life, disability, dental and business overhead insurance. The plans are administered by The Reciprocal Insurance Agency, Ltd. ("TRIAL").

The committee was advised by TRIAL that Trigon decided it would not renew the bar's health insurance plan as an "experienced rated" plan. Trigon advised that it would require that any future coverages be written under its "value added" association plan policies. Following an extensive evaluation by the committee of its options, it was concluded that the bar should remain with Trigon at this time. Much remains to be done to facilitate this change and to insure the members of the Bar can still obtain affordable and available health insurance.

Myself as chair, Gary Lonergan as vice-chair, Mary Dalton Baril, James H. Ford, Jon David Huddleston, Gail Diane Jaspen, Steven C. Mintz and Larry S. Wiese anticipate a number of problems with the transition that will require the efforts of the committee. We also wish to thank Mary Yancey Spencer and our director, Tom Edmonds, for all of the help they have provided us this year.

