

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

### **STANDING COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND FINANCE**

*Michael J. Blachman, Chair*

The Standing Committee on Budget and Finance considered several issues during the year. A subcommittee reviewed the feasibility of compensation for the bar president. Based on information received from various sources, the committee recommended that no action be taken on this item. Several committee members also wanted to consider whether fees charged to MCLE sponsors should be increased. After receiving input from the MCLE board, the committee took no action on this issue, based on the MCLE board's recommendation to not increase fees, and on the current income stream from all MCLE fees, particularly the new noncompliance fee.

In addition to the proposed budget for 2001/2002, the other major item considered by the committee was to recommend to council a rule change to charge one-half of the annual dues to new bar exam admittees admitted prior to the last quarter of the fiscal year. This rule change was approved at the February 2001 council meeting and subsequently approved by the Supreme Court.

The committee reviewed the details of the 2001–2002 proposed budget and recommended a budget of \$8,735,000 to the executive committee and council. The executive committee and council approved the budget, with only minor revisions to the Young Lawyers Conference and the Senior Lawyers Section. The senior lawyers submitted a proposal to council to change from a section to a conference effective July 1, 2001, which was approved by council at the June meeting.

