

**REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/  
CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER**

The membership of the Virginia State Bar continued its steady growth in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2002. Total in good standing membership increased to 34,088, an increase of 674 members, or 1.98%, over the previous year.

|           | 2001–2002     | 2000–2001     |
|-----------|---------------|---------------|
| Active    | 23,746        | 23,212        |
| Associate | 8,858         | 8,536         |
| Judicial  | 944           | 937           |
| Retired   | <u>1,214</u>  | <u>1,403</u>  |
|           | <b>34,762</b> | <b>34,088</b> |

**Officers, Bar Activities During 2001–2002 and Executive Committee and Council Members**

Bernard J. DiMuro of Alexandria became president of the Virginia State Bar at its annual meeting on June 14, 2002. He was sworn in by Chief Justice Harry L. Carrico of the Supreme Court of Virginia. Jean P. Dahnk, president-elect, was unopposed in the 2002 election for that office to serve during 2002–2003.

Michael A. Glasser of Norfolk completed his year as president. Emphasis was placed throughout the year on further refining and streamlining the disciplinary process in order to be certain the bar is maximizing the use of its resources and resolving complaints as expeditiously as possible. A special Subcommittee on Disciplinary Efficiency of the Standing Committee on Lawyer Discipline reviewed suggestions for enhancing the efficiency of the bar's disciplinary system and made recommendations, several of which have already been implemented. Others, such as adding a mediation component to the bar's present program for arbitration of fee disputes, will be implemented during the 2002–2003 bar year. The Joint Commission on Multi-Disciplinary Practice completed its work this year and made its report and recommendations to the council. After discussion and debate at all three council meetings during 2001–2002, the council voted overwhelmingly at its June meeting not to permit multi-disciplinary practices in Virginia.

A major rewrite and consolidation of the bar's procedural rules governing disciplinary proceedings was completed during the year under the leadership of Frank B. Miller III, of Richmond, and the bar's petition for approval of the revised and consolidated rules was approved at the Virginia Supreme Court. The rule change adopted by the council in June 2001 to open district disciplinary committee hearings to the public was approved by the Court in September 2001 and implemented in January 2002. Work continues on a proposed limited admission rule for in-house corporate counsel in Virginia by a task force chaired by former President W. Scott Street III, of Richmond. Such a rule was approved by the council at its February 2002 meeting, but a number of subsequent comments about the rule and requests for clarification led the executive committee to request that the task force reconvene and consider the rule further.

Karen A. Gould was elected to the 2002–2003 Executive Committee, replacing Jean P. Dahnk, who will serve *ex-officio* on the committee as president-elect. Phillip V. Anderson and William E. Bradshaw were elected to the 2002–2003 Executive Committee, replacing Virginia W. Powell and Mary Lynn Tate. David P. Bobzien, Susan M. Pesner and Theophilise L. Twitty were reelected to one-year terms.

The following new members were elected to the VSB Council for three-year terms beginning July 1, 2002:

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Edward L. Chambers, Jr. | 9th Judicial Circuit  |
| John S. Barr            | 13th Judicial Circuit |
| George Mason III        | 15th Judicial Circuit |
| Andrea L. Bridgeman     | 19th Judicial Circuit |
| Sandra L. Havrilak      | 19th Judicial Circuit |
| Sean P. Kelly           | 19th Judicial Circuit |
| Benjamin R. Gardner     | 21st Judicial Circuit |
| Henry C. Clark          | 26th Judicial Circuit |

The following incumbents were reelected to the council for three-year terms beginning July 1, 2002:

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|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Stephen J. Telfeyan      | 1st Judicial Circuit |
| John W. Richardson       | 2nd Judicial Circuit |
| James O. Broccoletti     | 4th Judicial Circuit |
| William C. Cowardin, Jr. | 7th Judicial Circuit |

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| S. Anderson Nelson | 10th Judicial Circuit |
| Dale W. Pittman    | 11th Judicial Circuit |
| Alan S. Anderson   | 18th Judicial Circuit |
| David P. Bobzien   | 19th Judicial Circuit |
| Glenn C. Lewis     | 19th Judicial Circuit |
| Robert J. Stoney   | 19th Judicial Circuit |
| J. Steven Grist    | 25th Judicial Circuit |

H. Ronnie Montgomery, of Jonesville, was reappointed to a second three-year term as a council member at large. Walter A. Wilson III, of Richmond, was appointed to a three-year term as a council member at large. Janine Marie Saxe, of Fairfax, became president of the Conference of Local Bar Associations, Lori M. Elliott, of Richmond, became president of the Young Lawyers Conference, and Colin J. S. Thomas, Jr., became president of the Senior Lawyers Conference. They will all serve as *ex-officio* members of the council during 2002–2003, and Ms. Elliott will also serve as an *ex-officio* member of the 2002–2003 Executive Committee.

**Bar Operations and Staff**

There were no changes among the bar's senior staff or department heads during the year. This continuity enabled us to make significant progress in the processing of disciplinary complaints and the trial of an increased number of disciplinary matters before district committees, the disciplinary board and three-judge courts. The office of the clerk of the disciplinary system, under the leadership of Barbara Lanier, has now completely eliminated a backlog of work in that department and produced a healthy increase during the year in disciplinary costs assessed and collected by the bar.

Major progress was also made during the bar year on our long-term goal of rewriting and integrating all of the bar's computer software programs. A vendor for the project was selected last fall for this work, which is divided into two phases. The first phase consisting of refinement of our system requirements and detailed design work was completed in May 2002. Work is now in progress on the implementation phase, which is expected to be completed by the spring of 2003. It appears that the project will be completed both in a timely fashion and within the amount of money allocated by the council for this project. The outcome should result in both an increase in the productivity and efficiency of our staff, as well as a greater capacity for interactivity between the bar on the one hand, and its members and the public on the other. Improvements in the bar's software systems, as well as upgraded hardware which has been acquired, should also make it much easier in the future to continue development of the bar's Web site.