

REPORTS OF THE SECTIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW SECTION

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The Administrative Law Section endeavored to present high-quality education programs to its members and interested parties this year. The section held its luncheon program in Richmond on March 28, 2002. The program was “Administrative Agencies: Practice Tips that Win.” Speakers were Michael Oglesby, chief hearing officer for the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board; Steven Taylor, hearing officer for the Department of Motor Vehicles; Michael D. Thomas, hearing examiner for the Department of Social Services; and Dean Ricks, examiner for the Virginia Employment Commission. Kodwo Ghartey-Tagoe moderated.

The program included how to represent clients before administrative agencies. With the continued success of the program, there is great interest in future luncheon programs on topical subjects.

The high point of the year was the National Regulatory Conference, jointly sponsored by the Virginia State Corporation Commission and the Marshall-Wythe Law School at The College of William and Mary. This year marked the 20th National Regulatory Conference and the return of the conference to Williamsburg. The program, “Back to the Future—Where Do We Go From Here?” addressed the changes occurring in the regulation of electric and telecommunications utilities. Private and public sector participants discussed issues related to the restructuring of the energy industry, including reactions to the lessons of Enron, and the developments in the competitive telecommunications industry. The keynote address, “America’s Love/Hate Relationship with Regulation,” was delivered by Professor Dan Roberts of the University of Richmond and of the syndicated public radio program, “A Moment in Time.” Attorney General Jerry Kilgore moderated a panel on ethical issues. The conference was a great success.

At the June VSB annual meeting, the section continued its tradition of presenting a workshop on a significant administrative law issue. This year’s workshop was co-sponsored with the Environmental Law Section and focused on the state of environmental regulation in the commonwealth. The program was moderated by former Governor Gerald L. Baliles. Panelists were Secretary of Natural Resources W. Tayloe Murphy, Jr., Dennis Treacy and John Butcher. After the workshop, the section held a general membership meeting, when new board members and officers were elected. The section’s new officers are: Alexander F. Skirpan, Jr., chair; Brian L. Buniva, vice chair; and JoAnne Lewis Nolte, secretary. Cliona Mary Robb and Meade Browder were elected to the section’s board of governors. Kodwo Ghartey-Tagoe, immediate past-chair, and Judith Jagdmann, stepped down after their distinguished service on the board. The board will miss their sage counsel and many other contributions to the section’s activities.

Finally, the section’s popular *Administrative Law News* was revived under the editorial leadership of Cliona Mary Robb. Future issues of the newsletter are already in progress.

