CORPORATE COUNSEL SECTION

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The most important activity of the Corporate Counsel Section is communication with its members. This year we published three excellent newsletters with news of section activities and articles of general interest. In addition, we held member luncheons in three cities.

The section participated in the Task Force on Admission of Corporate Counsel convened by the Virginia Board of Bar Examiners and the State Bar at the request of the Supreme Court. The section provided substantial input to the work of the task force, which issued its first report in January. The task force should complete its work next year.

For the fifth year, the section sponsored a law school writing competition. Students submit articles of general interest to corporate counsel; up to three awards are given for the best entries, judged primarily on the author's analysis, creativity and persuasiveness. The winners were

> **First place:** "The Cost of Confusion: How Employee Misperceptions Can Hurt an Employer's Bottom Line," by Jesse Rudy of the University of Virginia School of Law.
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> **Second place:** "Gonna Change My Way of Thinking[1]: Voluntary Disclosure Lessons for Corporate Counsel in the Wake of the SEC's Seaboard 21(a) Report," by Michael C. Zogby of The College of William & Mary Marshall-Wythe School of Law and
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> **Third place:** "The Continuing Evolution of the Mandatory Arbitration Clause in Corporate America," by Brent Travis Strunk of the Appalachian School of Law.

The Corporate Counsel Section closed its active year by joining with the Bankruptcy Law Section to sponsor a CLE program titled, "Workouts to Washouts: Protecting your Clients' Interests in a Troubled Economy," at the VSB annual meeting.

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[1] BOB DYLAN, *Gonna Change My Way of Thinking, on* SLOW TRAIN COMING (Columbia Records 1979) (conveying the delightfully appropriate proposition: "gonna change my way of thinking/make myself a different set of rules/gonna put my good foot forward/and stop being influenced by fools").