

REPORTS OF THE SECTIONS

EDUCATION OF LAWYERS SECTION

Professor Margaret Ivey Bacigal, Chair

The Section on Education of Lawyers provides a forum for integrating the bench, bar and academia to improve the legal system in Virginia.

The section co-sponsored with the Criminal Law Section a CLE program on the USA Patriot Act at the annual meeting. Panelists included the Honorable Jerry Kilgore, attorney general of Virginia; Professor John Douglass, University of Richmond T.C. Williams School of Law; Professor Craig Lerner, George Mason School of Law; Mike Smythers, assistant United States attorney for the eastern district of Virginia; and Peter White, with the firm of Hunton & Williams. Michael Herring, of the VSB Criminal Law Section, served as moderator. The speakers reviewed the history and the key provisions of the USA Patriot Act. They also discussed how to balance individual civil rights with national security interests. George Somerville, chair of the Annual Meeting Planning Committee, deserves recognition for the outstanding program.

This year, the professionalism course for law students, developed by our section and the Standing Committee on Professionalism, was offered to first year students at each of Virginia's seven law schools. Although attendance is voluntary, the sessions were well attended, and student evaluations were positive. Special thanks go to the Honorable Waugh Crigler and George Mason Law Professor Michael I. Krauss for their support and direction of this successful program. Thanks also go to Professor Krauss and Justice Kinser, chairs of the Education During Law School Committee, and to the committee members for their help and participation in the programs. The section will continue these programs on an annual basis.

The examination of emerging trends and issues in the legal system related to the bench, bar and academy in Virginia was an initiative this year. Ed Lowry chaired the committee. The insights and guidance of Michael Glasser, Ben DiMuro, Jeannie Dahnk and Tom Edmonds were greatly appreciated.

Professors Lynn Marie Kohm and Eric DeGroff did an outstanding job of editing the section's newsletter. The two editions contained timely, interesting articles. At the end of the year, Professor Kohm announced her retirement as editor. Her dedication and hard work is appreciated by all. On behalf of the section, I also want to express our gratitude to Professor DeGroff, who graciously agreed to continue as editor next year.

Each of Virginia's law schools contributes to the section's annual operating budget. In addition, the section seeks support from law firms in the state. This year's Fundraising and Law Firm Contributions Committee did an excellent job of soliciting support for the section's programs, expanding the financial base. Ray Diaz served as chair of the committee. Members included Bill Broaddus, Ed Lowry, William Poff and George Somerville. On behalf of the section, I want to thank the following firms for their generous support: Christian & Barton, LLP, of Richmond; Edmunds & Williams, of Lynchburg; Gentry Locke Rakes & Moore, of Roanoke; Glasser & Glasser, PLC, of Norfolk; Hunton & Williams, of Richmond; McGuireWoods LLP, of Richmond; Michie, Hamlet, Lowry, Rasmussen & Tweel, of Charlottesville; Rees, Broome & Diaz, of Vienna; Sands Anderson Marks & Miller, of Richmond; Troutman, Sanders LLP, of Richmond; and Woods Rogers & Hazelgrove PLC, of Roanoke. The section will continue to increase the number of law firms that contribute to the section's 2002-2003 operating budget.

Although the section had much to celebrate this year, it was with great sadness that our members learned of the death of board member Dean L. Anthony Sutin of the Appalachian Law School. During his short time on the board, he contributed much to the work of the section. He was committed to furthering collaboration among lawyers, judges and academicians.

At the section's annual business meeting, the Honorable Cleo Powell presented the nominations committee's report. The following new officers were elected for the 2002-2003 bar year:

Margaret Ivey Bacigal	Chair
The Honorable Rudolph Bumgardner	Vice Chair
Raymond J. Diaz	Secretary

The following new board members were elected to three-year terms:

For a second term:

Raymond Diaz
The Honorable Rudolph Bumgardner
The Honorable Cynthia Kinser

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For a first term:

Professor Joan M. Shaughnessy, Washington and Lee School of Law
(elected to first full term after serving out another member's unexpired term)
The Honorable Ed Burnette
Professor Winston S. Moore, George Mason School of Law

Outgoing members include Robin Wood, former chair of the section, and Professor Michael Krauss. The section and the section expresses its heartfelt thanks to them for their service.

I also want to express my appreciation to each member of the board for his or her tireless efforts on behalf of the section this year and for their work on our standing committees. These include: admissions to the bar, annual meeting planning, education during law school, emerging trends in the legal profession, fundraising and law firm contributions, newsletter and nominating committee. All contributed to further our mission and support our various programs. Thanks to everyone for helping to make this a productive year. I look forward to working with you again next year.

