

## REPORTS OF THE SECTIONS

### **FAMILY LAW SECTION**

*by Torrence Harman, Chair*

The Family Law Section of the Virginia State Bar celebrated its 25th anniversary this year. It continued its emphasis on education in 2001–02. In partnership with the Virginia CLE the section presented outstanding seminars at the annual November family law CLE and the advanced family law CLE held in April. The section also presented a program highlighting “Top Cases Presented by Top Lawyers” at the June VSB annual meeting. The section continued to monitor various issues with current impact on the practice of family law, including those related to ADR/mediation, guardians ad litem, and various issues before the General Assembly. Work continued with law schools around the state to ensure student’s familiarity with the practice of family law.

The Family Law Section’s Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Fairfax attorney Richard Byrd for his outstanding achievements and contributions to family law in Virginia.

The February issue of the *Virginia Lawyer* was devoted to family law and members of the Family Law Section wrote articles on a range of family law issues. The issue commemorated the section’s 25th anniversary. The section published its quarterly newsletter under the editorship of Richard Crouch.

Those members completing terms this year included Terrence R. Batzli, Mona Flax and Ellen S. Weinman. Newly-elected to the board of governors of the section were Edward Dean Barnes, Laura Lynn Dascher and Brian Mitchell Hirsch. The officers for the board of governors for the 2002–03 term are Susan Hicks, chair; J. Patrick McConnell, vice chair; Cheshire l’Anson Eveleigh, secretary; Torrence M. Harman, immediate past chair.

