

REPORTS OF THE SECTIONS

HEALTH LAW SECTION

James M. Daniel, Chair

The 2001–2002 Virginia State Bar year was another good year for the Health Law Section. In an effort to provide continuing assistance to members, the board of governors of the Health Law Section published an edition of *The Virginia Health Lawyer* in June. It featured articles on health care tax issues and confidentiality. Walt Sowers did an outstanding job as editor of *The Virginia Health Lawyer* newsletter. Not only does the newsletter have a new name, but also over the next year it will have a new format and will expand its coverage to include interviews with state and federal health officials and articles on health care issues from non-attorneys. We hope that the publication of *The Virginia Health Lawyer* in electronic format helped to increase its availability to our membership. In addition to the newsletter, the section has also developed a ListServe that will lead to discussions among members on important health law issues.

In an effort to provide better services for the members of both groups, the Health Law Section continued to work closely with The Virginia Bar Association's Health Law Section. The two groups successfully collaborated on a legislative update program that was held in Richmond in May 2002. Participants earned continuing legal education credits. We will continue to work with the VBA Health Law Section on projects and issues pertaining to all areas of health care practice.

A special note of thanks goes to Tom Brown for his efforts as vice chair, and especially for his work in putting together the legislative update program, and to Walt Sowers, who not only served as the editor of *Health Law News*, but also served as the secretary of the board of governors for the Health Law Section. The Health Law Section also appreciates the ongoing support and assistance of Bet Keller, our VSB liaison.

Finally, congratulations to the new officers and board members for 2002–2003: Tom Brown, chair; Walt Sowers, vice chair; and John Blizor, secretary. John Blizor, Marie Graham and Steve McCoy have been elected to the board for four-year terms.

