

REPORTS OF THE SECTIONS

LITIGATION SECTION

Frank K. Friedman, Chair

The Litigation Section marked progress on several fronts over the past year. It made major strides toward getting its Web page up and running. This will enable the board to have more input from its large and growing membership. The Web page will also provide access to past articles from the section's publication, *Litigation News*.

The Section's Appellate Practice Subsection was revitalized this year under the leadership of William Shewmake. The subsection held a successful meeting with Justice Elizabeth Lacy, who was the speaker. The section's young lawyers also were busy laying the groundwork for a major CLE project in 2003, under the leadership of Kevin Mottley.

The section continued to provide services to benefit the bar and to enhance the public's perception of lawyers. We produced our quarterly newsletter, (thanks to the dedicated work of Lee Livingston), provided an informative CLE program at the annual meeting in Virginia Beach, (under Paul Black's direction), and laid the foundation for several more CLE presentations. We sponsored the 2001–2002 Law in Society Essay Competition in high schools around the Commonwealth. We provided judges for the essays, as well as funding for prizes and advertising.

The Litigation Section board was truly outstanding this year and promises to be excellent for many years to come. The new chair will be Tom Albro. Paul Black will serve as vice chair, and Robert Scully will be secretary. New board members are Jennifer Lee Parrish, Colin Thomas III, and the Honorable Randall G. Johnson. Returning board members include R. Lee Livingston, newsletter editor; Vicki Devine; Jacqueline Epps; Philip Gardner, Harry "Pete" Johnson III; Sam Meekins, our financial guru; Michael Phelan and The Honorable Lydia Taylor. We will also benefit from the service of Kevin Mottley and Kevin Holt, co-chairs of the Young Lawyers; Ann Crenshaw, computer task force liaison; William Shewmake, chair of the Appellate Practice Subcommittee; and William Smith, our liaison with the Senior Lawyer's Conference. I will remain on the board for one more year as past chair. I look forward to another productive year.

