

REPORTS OF THE SECTIONS

LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW SECTION

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The Local Government Law Section, with the Construction and Public Contract Law Section and the Environmental Section, presented a workshop at the annual meeting entitled, “Toxic Mold Exposure Claims.” The presentation was excellent and helped those in attendance understand some of the legal ramifications of the issue.

Our section published four issues of the *Journal of Local Government Law* in this fiscal year. Article topics included:

- Tax Incentives For Revitalization,
- Community Development Authorities,
- The Purchase of Development Rights: A Tool for Open Space Preservation and Agricultural Protection,
- The Heart/Lung Presumption Under the Virginia Workers’ Compensation Act,
- Legal Update: Local Government Grievance Procedures,
- The Doctrine of Employment At-Will and Local Government Employees,
- Broadband—Just Another Utility?,
- Tax Restructuring: An Idea Whose Time Has Come,
- The Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act of 2000: A Sea Change in Land Use?,
- Extra-Jurisdictional Financings by Industrial Development Authorities: The Effect of the Concurrence Requirements of Refundings,
- Electronic Disclosure for Local Governments, and High-Speed Localities.

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