

REPORTS OF THE SECTIONS

ANTITRUST, FRANCHISE AND TRADE REGULATION

James R. Creekmore, Chair

Led by an active and interested board of directors, for whose assistance and camaraderie I am grateful, the Antitrust, Franchise and Trade Regulation Section enjoyed a year of increased interest in antitrust matters.

Beginning with our June 2002 annual CLE program at Virginia Beach, our section and the Intellectual Property Section joined forces to examine antitrust enforcement initiatives relating to intellectual property. Building on the success of that program, our section again teamed with the Intellectual Property Section to cosponsor a fall CLE weekend program at Wintergreen Resort. The topic was the convergence of antitrust and intellectual property issues. The programs featured engaging speakers from both the government and private practice sectors who also promoted cross-marketing and networking opportunities.

On March 21, our section sponsored a luncheon at The Tower Club at Tyson's Corner. The speaker was R. Hewitt (Hew) Pate, our old friend and former section chair, who is acting assistant attorney general, U.S. Department of Justice, Antitrust Division. We discussed current trends and initiatives in antitrust enforcement. Our many thanks go out to Hew Pate.

Our secretary, Scott Caulkins, continued as newsletter editor, producing a timely publication that was useful and interesting. We sincerely appreciate Scott's tireless efforts.

During our 2003–04 section year, we look forward to the leadership of Greg St. Ours as chair, Scott Caulkins as vice-chair, the incoming officers and board members—and a continuation of the section's CLE projects, newsletter and other offerings.

