

REPORTS OF THE SECTIONS

SENIOR LAWYERS CONFERENCE

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The Senior Lawyers Conference has concluded its second full year on a high note. Revision of the *Senior Citizens Handbook* is nearing completion, and it may be printed before the end of the year.

Our Web site continues to be one of the bar's most frequently accessed and our newsletter remains popular. The Senior Lawyers Conference wrote feature articles for the October 2002 issue of the *Virginia Lawyer*, which received recognition from sources both in and out of state.

Our CLE program on planning for retirement received some of the nicest post-program comments from attendees, according to VACLE's Peter Kenny.

We continued to assist in the windup of practices for sole practitioners who failed to have a plan for death or disability, and to develop ethics requirements related to the issue.

Several other state bars, including New York, sought our advice on issues regarding planning for death and disability.

We are working with designated circuit court judges on a voluntary experiment to see if senior lawyers might be utilized to resolve discovery problems and similar situations.

The conference produced a two-hour CLE program dedicated to professionalism—rather than ethics—that is worth two hours of ethics credit. The Senior Lawyers Conference believes that we can help enhance the profession by emphasizing professionalism, good conduct and values.

Chief Justice Hassell attended the second annual luncheon for 50-year award recipients at the annual meeting, and lauded both the recipients and the Senior Lawyers Conference.

In June 2003, the VSB Council endorsed the Senior Lawyers Conference representation on the executive committee.

