

REPORTS OF THE SECTIONS

ANTITRUST, FRANCHISE AND TRADE REGULATION

Gregory T. St. Ours, chair

Thanks to an active and dedicated Board of Directors whose invaluable assistance made fall and summer continuing legal education programs possible, the Antitrust, Franchise and Trade Regulation Section enjoyed a successful year in delivering quality CLE to section members and the bar at large.

During the summer of 2003, our section took the lead in contacting sections of the Maryland and District of Columbia bars, to gauge interest in a joint fall 2003 CLE program. Steve Story and Patrick O'Connor spearheaded this project, resulting in a joint program, entitled "Understanding and Negotiating a Franchise Agreement," on November 18, 2003, in Alexandria. The program was co-sponsored by our section, the Committee on Franchise and Distribution Law of the Maryland State Bar Association's Section of Business Law, and the Section of Antitrust and Consumer Law of the District of Columbia Bar. Story served on the joint program committee, and Steve and Scott Caulkins served on the faculty of the program. The program was presented to a full house.

The board, led by Ellen Moore, applied the same high energy in planning our CLE program for the 2004 Virginia State Bar Annual Meeting in Virginia Beach. The topic of the program was "Internet Law—What You and Your Clients Need To Know about Doing Business on the Internet." Howard Feller, D. Bruce Hoffman, Michael J. Lockerby, Jeffrey H. Matsuura and N. Scott Sacks served with Moore on the faculty. Notwithstanding its 2 P.M. slot on the beautiful Friday afternoon of June 18, the program drew some forty participants. Again, our section enjoyed a successful program.

During our 2004–05 section year, we look forward to the leadership of Scott Caulkins as chair, Ann Marie Cushmac as vice-chair, Doug Garrou as secretary, new board members Ellen Moore and Jack Martin, and our returning board members, and to continuation of our section's programs, newsletter and other offerings.

