

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

### STANDING COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND FINANCE

*Phillip V. Anderson, chair*

In preparation for the Virginia State Bar's biennium budget submission, which was due in October 2003, the Standing Committee on Budget and Finance met on September 12, 2003, to review and consider the staff's projections regarding staffing needs, technology costs and other contingent expenses expected through the biennium budget cycle, which begins July 1, 2004. After consideration of these projections and recommendations, the committee unanimously approved the biennium budget submission. The submission was presented to the Chief Justice for his review and was approved. The biennium budget requests were timely presented to the Department of Planning and Budget.

The committee also considered operating budget amendments for the current year regarding the Clients' Protection Fund and the Lawyers Helping Lawyers program. The committee approved these amendments. These likewise were presented to Chief Justice Leroy R. Hasell Sr. for his review and approval. These amendments were approved by Council at the October 2003 meeting. The Clients' Protection Fund received \$500,000 and the Lawyers Helping Lawyers program received an additional \$100,000 for this fiscal year.

The Standing Committee on Budget and Finance met on March 23, 2004, and reviewed the staff's detail for the 2004–2005 proposed operating budget. The proposed budget was then reviewed by the VSB Executive Committee in April and subsequently sent to Chief Justice Hassell and all members of the Supreme Court for their review and approval. The Chief Justice requested several changes, which were incorporated for review by the VSB Council in June. The council approved an operating budget for fiscal year 2004–2005 for the bar totaling \$9,908,189.

