

## REPORTS OF THE SECTIONS

### HEALTH LAW SECTION

*Walter P. Sowers II, chair*

I am pleased to submit the annual report of the Health Law Section for the 2003–2004 bar year. The section had a very busy year, with its sponsorship of the June/July 2004 issue of the Virginia State Bar magazine, *Virginia Lawyer*, and its organization of two continuing legal education programs for the benefit of bar members.

The section expresses its gratitude to the VSB for providing the opportunity to sponsor the June/July 2004 issue of *Virginia Lawyer*. Section members contributed several timely and informative articles that were of interest not only to health care attorneys but also the general membership of the VSB. The articles and the authors were as follows:

- **“Federal Self-Referral and Anti-Kickback Laws: A Primer for the General Business Lawyer,”** by Wyatt S. Beazley IV and Stephen C. McCoy of Williams Mullen in Richmond.
- **“HIPAA 101: Five Key Concepts Every Virginia Litigator Should Know,”** by Robyn Smith Ellis of Gentry Locke Rakes & Moore in Roanoke.
- **“Stottlemeyer v. Gbramm: The Future of Peer Review in Virginia,”** by James M. Daniel Jr. of Hancock, Daniel, Johnson & Nagle in Glen Allen.
- **“Disciplinary Proceedings for Virginia’s Health-Care Practitioners,”** by John C. Bilzor and Patrick C. Devine Jr. of Williams Mullen in Norfolk and Karen W. Perrine, deputy executive director for discipline with the Virginia Board of Medicine in Richmond.
- **“When Medicine and Business Collide: Mergers and Acquisitions of Medical Practices,”** by S. Brian Farmer and K. Marshall Cook of Hirschler Fleischer in Richmond.

The section would like to thank the authors for contributing articles.

The section organized a CLE program in connection with the sixth annual Legislative Update and the Health Law Extravaganza presented by the Virginia Bar Association Health Law Section. The extravaganza was held in Richmond on April 29 2004. John Bilzor organized the CLE program entitled “Advance Medical Directives: Protecting Our Clients, Our Families and Ourselves.” Speakers included Molly S. Evans, Michael C. Guanzon and Nathan Kottkamp.

The section, together with the Senior Lawyers Conference, sponsored a CLE program entitled “Do You Know Where Your Parents Are? Nursing Home and Hospital Liability” at the VSB Annual Meeting in June. The program featured a lively panel discussion between Daniel T. Frith, Joel M. McCray and William T. Wilson, who shared their experiences in litigating nursing home liability cases.

The section’s annual business meeting was held following the Health Law Extravaganza in April. John Bilzor will serve as chair of the section during the 2004–2005 bar year. Stephen McCoy will serve as vice-chair, and Robyn Ellis will serve as secretary. Several new members were elected to the Board of Governors: Harry Doyle, Molly Evans, Page Gravely, Nathan Kottkamp, Susan Mitchell and Bill Quirey.

The section wishes to thank Tom Brown, Marshall Cook, Jim Daniel, Rebecca Ellison, Marie Graham, John Jessee and Richard Ladd for service and leadership during their terms as members of the board of governors.

I have enjoyed my year of service as the chair of the Health Law Section. I want to thank the Health Law Section and the VSB for providing me with this opportunity, as well as all section members who contributed their time and services during the 2003–2004 bar year.

