

REPORTS OF THE SECTIONS

LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW SECTION

Cynthia E. Hudson, chair

The section achieved a major goal in fall 2003 when it completed work on and issued to the membership a searchable compact disc compilation of the past issues of the *Journal of Local Government Law*. This development makes the journal even more valuable as a significant resource for local government lawyers.

Also this year, the section was proud to add to that compilation three additional issues of the journal with articles by some of the commonwealth's most experienced local government law practitioners and covering a wide range of timely topics, including tax-exempt bond financing (Sandra McNinch), the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act (John Foote), brownfields (Keith Cannon), amendments to state law on real estate tax exemption (Michael Long) and developments in refuse fee litigation (Barbara Rose).

None of this fine work could have been accomplished without the invaluable efforts of journal editor Susan Custer who pulls it all together and makes it happen on time every time, and we extend a special "thank you" to her. We thank also William Devine who, as immediate past chair, freely shared his experience and ideas and made sure that we met our goal of leaving the section just as good as we found it, if not a little bit better. We have every reason to believe that goal will be met again next year under the leadership of the new chair, Mark Flynn; vice chair, Kevin Cosgrove; and secretary, Barbara Rose.

