

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLIC INFORMATION

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During the past year the Committee on Publications and Public Information concluded the Virginia State Bar's first-ever survey of the membership on attitudes toward the VSB's two flagship publications, the *Virginia Lawyer* and the *Virginia Lawyer Register*. The survey provided valuable insight into what members like, and don't like, about the publications. The committee studied and analyzed the responses and made recommendations for changes to both the format and contents of the publications.

The committee also concluded another successful Law in Society Award competition. Each year, through a grant from the bar's litigation section, the committee conducts an essay competition for Virginia high school students. This past year 387 students from forty-five schools around Virginia entered the competition and the grand prize winners and seven other winners were honored in presentations at their schools.

