

REPORTS OF THE SECTIONS

TRUSTS AND ESTATES

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During 2002–2003, the Trusts and Estates Section continued its efforts to keep its members informed and up to date. Thanks to the hard work of newsletter editor Donna Esposito Fincher, the section produced one newsletter for distribution to section members, and the section was featured in an issue of the *Virginia Lawyer* magazine, distributed to all members of the state bar. These publications included articles on planning for beneficiaries with special needs, charitable giving and long-term care, among others.

As in previous years, the section again co-sponsored with Virginia CLE the Annual Trusts and Estates Seminar, which was held in November 2003 in Richmond, Roanoke, Virginia Beach and Fairfax. In addition to covering recent developments in the trusts and estates area, the 22nd Annual Seminar included presentations on such topics as prenuptial agreements from an estate planning perspective, asset protection and ethical issues facing trusts and estates lawyers.

At the sixty-sixth Virginia State Bar Annual Meeting, the section again joined with the Senior Lawyers Conference to co-sponsor a workshop entitled “Talking to Clients About Philanthropy.” Frank O. Brown, Kirkland M. Kelley and Kevin Rack, along with Nan Edgerton of the Norfolk Foundation, discussed current trends in charitable giving, including community foundations, private foundations and donor-advised funds.

At the annual meeting, Amy G. Pesesky was elected chair of the section, and Laura O. Pomeroy was elected vice-chair. Donna Esposito Fincher and Victoria J. Roberson were elected treasurer and secretary respectively.

