

ANTITRUST, FRANCHISE AND TRADE REGULATION

R. Scott Caulkins, chair

I had the good fortune to chair the Antitrust, Franchise and Trade Regulation Section for 2004–2005. Thanks to our board, we had a successful winter program and continuing legal education during the annual meeting of the Virginia State Bar in Virginia Beach.

In January 2005, we sponsored a CLE luncheon at the Tower Club in McLean. The topic was “Recent Developments in Antitrust Law.” Speakers were J. Bruce McDonald, deputy assistant attorney general for regulatory matters, Antitrust Division, U.S. Department of Justice; and Andrew J. Heimert, executive director and general counsel, Antitrust Modernization Commission. McDonald provided an update on current developments in the Justice Department’s antitrust division. Heimert provided information on the Antitrust Modernization Commission and the status of its work. Both speakers did a terrific job.

Led by Anne Marie Cushmac and Thomas Folsom, the board worked with the business law, administrative law and corporate counsel sections to cosponsor a CLE program entitled “Ethical Issues in Dealing with Governmental Entities,” for the 2005 Virginia State Bar Annual Meeting. It was a well-attended, successful program due to a favorable time slot, a great speaker panel and an opportunity to earn ethics credit.

On a sad note, the board lost a very active member during the year. Ellen Moore was a new member to the board during the 2004–2005 year, but prior to that participated in section activities. Moore worked as assistant editor for the section newsletter, and in 2004 worked hard in the planning of a very successful CLE program for the 2004 VSB Annual Meeting. When she joined the board, she became editor of the section’s newsletter. She was full of enthusiasm and energy, and she will be missed.

During our 2005–2006 section year, we look forward to the leadership of Anne Marie Cushmac as chair, Doug M. Garrou as vice-chair, Kenneth W. Dolbeare as secretary, and Gustav P. Chiarello III, James M. Wilson, Patrick J. Maslyn and Byron E. Fox as board members. Gus Chiarello has graciously agreed to assume the editorial duties for the section newsletter.

