

REPORTS OF THE SECTIONS

CORPORATE COUNSEL SECTION

Eileen Morgan Johnson, chair

The Corporate Counsel Section had another successful year. Our newsletter grew in length and members received two issues this year with a third ready to mail. We began to post the newsletter on the Web site so that those who are not section members can have the benefit of the articles in it.

We discontinued our law student writing competition this year due to a dwindling number of entries each year and expanded our law school corporate counsel forum program at George Mason University Law School. We introduced the program at Regent University School of Law and we plan to expand it in the year ahead. During this informal event, a panel of corporate counsel join the students for pizza to discuss career options.

We cosponsored two continuing legal education programs this year. A program on electronic data discovery was held in December with Barnes & Thornburg LLP in Washington. An antitrust forum was held in Richmond in May with McGuireWoods LLP. We cohosted a program on ethical issues in dealing with governmental entities at the Virginia State Bar Annual Meeting in June along with the Administrative, Antitrust and Business Law sections.

Our annual May regional luncheons were held in Norfolk, Northern Virginia and Richmond. We saw increased participation and received requests from members outside of Richmond for more local events.

My thanks to our board—each member was involved in the success of our section this year. Special thanks to our liaison, Dolly Shaffner, who has moved to another position at the Virginia State Bar. She set the bar high for her successor and will be greatly missed.

