

**HEALTH LAW SECTION**

*John C. Bilzor, chair*

Our year began and ended with projects intended to educate non-health law attorneys in the basics of the diverse practice that health law comprises. The Health Law Section sponsored the June/July 2004 issue of the Virginia State Bar magazine, *Virginia Lawyer*. Section members contributed timely and informative articles. Topics included basic review of self-referral and anti-kickback laws, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, peer review, health care disciplinary proceedings and mergers and acquisitions of medical practices.

The section cosponsored a continuing legal education program in connection with the seventh annual Legislative Update and the Health Law Extravaganza presented by The Virginia Bar Association Health Law Section.

The section's annual business meeting followed the Health Law Extravaganza in April. Stephen C. McCoy will serve as chair of the section during the 2005–2006 bar year. Molly S. Evans will serve as vice-chair and William H. Hall will serve as secretary. Brian K. Brake was elected a new member of the section board of governors.

The section also elected Nathan A. Kottkamp to serve as chair of the newly established Virginia State Bar Advance Directives Committee. The committee initially will promote establishment of an Advance Directives Day in Virginia.

The section sponsored a CLE program entitled "Health Care Providers for Dummies: A Primer for the General Practice Attorney" at the VSB Annual Meeting in June. The program included presentations by Anthony W. Basch on "Primer on Physician Discipline" and William R. Van Buren III on "Physician Employment Agreement Basics."

The section thanks Robyn S. Ellis, Walter P. Sowers II and Shannon E. Sinclair for service and leadership during their terms as members of the board of governors.

I have enjoyed my year of service as the chair of the Health Law Section. I want to thank the Health Law Section and the VSB for providing me with this opportunity, as well as all section members who contributed their time and services during the 2004–2005 bar year.

