

TRUSTS AND ESTATES SECTION

Amy G. Pesesky, chair

Newsletter editor Victoria J. Roberson did a great job pulling together two newsletters for the Trusts and Estates Section during the fiscal year 2004–2005. I thank the following individuals who shared their excellent work in the two newsletters published this term: Avram H. Zysman, Kimberly Ann Murphy, Peter A. Dingman, Elizabeth G. Engle, Dana G. Fitzsimmons Jr., Christopher D. Scott and John E. Donaldson.

In November 2004, the twenty-third annual Trusts and Estates Seminar was held in Richmond, Roanoke and Fairfax. The seminar, cosponsored by Virginia CLE, was informative and well-received. As always, Howard M. Zaritsky's materials on recent developments and J. William Gray's materials on Virginia developments kept attendees informed on current issues. In addition, presentations on practical ethical considerations for trusts and estates lawyers, legal and practical issues involving cemeteries and funeral homes, basic trust concepts and total return trusts were well-done and timely.

The Trusts and Estates Section partnered with the Senior Lawyers Conference to present a workshop entitled "Current Developments in Estate and Trust Law" at the Virginia State Bar Annual Meeting. Frank O. Brown and I presented J. William Gray's materials, entitled "2004–2005 Virginia Developments in Estate Planning and Administration."

At the annual meeting, Laura O. Pomeroy was elected chair of the section, Donna Esposito Fincher was elected vice-chair, Victoria Roberson was elected secretary and John T. Midgett was elected newsletter editor.

