

# REPORTS OF THE SECTIONS

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW SECTION

Sarah Hopkins Finley, Chair

I am pleased to report on another successful year for the Local Government Law Section. Our membership continues to increase. We now have 481 members and our section continues to provide its services without a dues increase.

At the 61st Annual Meeting, the section co-sponsored a panel discussion with the Real Estate Section entitled: "Growth Control in Virginia: Where to Draw the Line." John H. Foote of Hazel & Thomas was the Moderator. Karen J. Harwood, Deputy County Attorney in Fairfax County and Kerry K. Emrick of Walsh, Colucci, Stackhouse, Emrich & Lubeley were presenters. The presentations were very lively and informative and we thank Karen for the excellent written outline. The program was well attended and provided valuable insights for local government and real estate practitioners to consider.

After the program concluded, the section held its annual business meeting for the election of officers and directors. David P. Bobzien, Fairfax County Attorney, was elected chairman, Frank M. Morton, III, James City County Attorney, was elected vice-chairman, and William F. Devine was elected secretary. New board members replacing outgoing board members are Cynthia E. Hudson, Kevin J. Cosgrove, Mark K. Flynn, Harwell M. Darby, Jr. and Rhysa G. South. We thank William E. Donnelly, III, George Mason, III, Margaret Ann Dean Moncure, and George Scruggs, Jr. for their past service. I particularly acknowledge and thank Larry Davis, Immediate Past Chairman, for his contributions to the section.

With the strong support of volunteer authors and the continued assistance of our editor, Susan Custer, the board again published quarterly the *Journal of Local Government Law*. This year's publications included 12 articles on a wide variety of timely topics and issues. The section expresses its appreciation to the many authors who shared their expertise by writing scholarly articles for the *Journal*:

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I would like to express my appreciation to all board members for their support and assistance which allowed the board and the section to have another successful year. ❀