

REPORTS OF THE SECTIONS

SENIOR LAWYERS SECTION

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The Senior Lawyers Section continues to grow and verify that aging does not mean a lessening of activities. The section continues to benefit from the experience and capabilities of the members of the board of governors.

Senior Citizens' Handbook

The handbook was completed under the guidance of Thomas J. Michie, Jr., chair-elect, and in conjunction with the VSB Young Lawyers Conference. Each section of the Handbook was researched and redrafted by a member of the Young Lawyers Conference and then reviewed by a senior lawyer. This process seemed to work extremely well. The young lawyers are also assisting in the coming year with the translation of the handbook into Spanish.

MCLE Programs

The section presented a program on November 8, 1998 at the VSB's 26th Annual Mid-Year Seminar in Madrid, Spain, featuring A.E. "Dick" Howard, who spoke on "The Supreme Court from Warren to Rehnquist." The program provided 3.0 CLE credits. In the spring, on April 15, 1999, the section, under the guidance of board members Jack Kay and Evans Brausfield, presented a CLE program on "Professionalism and the Senior Attorney: A Virginia Ethics Update." This program was presented by Professor David S. Caudill and received excellent reviews from those attending. One of the highlights was a luncheon address by the Honorable Robert R. Merhige, retired United States District Judge, Eastern District of Virginia.

At the annual meeting in June, 1999, the section, in conjunction with the Health Law and Trusts and Estates sections, presented a CLE program on health care decision making (Finn case). Board member Frank O. Brown was a presenter at that program. One senior lawyer in attendance remarked that the written materials furnished for the program were the best that he had seen. Richard Cocke, a past chair, will lead a committee to provide a CLE program in the spring of 2000.

Quarterly Newsletter

The newsletter continues to be a priority project of the section, and Francis N. Crenshaw, Immediate past chair, will assume the editorship of the Section newsletter for 1999-2000.

Membership and Finance

The board of governors believes there are many lawyers age 55 and over whose wisdom and experience would be of benefit to our Section. William B. Smith, as membership chair, will be leading the effort to bring more of the seniors into the section. William K. Kinnamon will be directing finance matters to insure a sound fiscal plan.

At the annual business meeting in June 1999, the following officers were elected:

Overton P. Pollard	Chair
Thomas J. Michie, Jr.	Chair-Elect
Frank O. Brown, Jr.	First Vice Chair
Carter R. Allen	Second Vice Chair
Patricia A. Barton	Secretary

New board members are R. Hunter Manson, III, William Brice Smith and F. Mather Archer.

The section continues to be indebted to Pat Sliger, VSB Coordinator for senior lawyers.

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Members of the board of governors for 1999-2000, other than those previously mentioned, are:

F. Mather Archer	Colin J.S. Thomas, Jr.
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