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ANTITRUST, FRANCHISE AND TRADE REGULATION

Kenneth W. Dobeare, chair

Programs

At the 2007 Virginia State Bar Annual Meeting, the section cosponsored a seminar on a variety of current topics of interest to corporate counsel. The speakers included Allen C. Goolsby and Louanna O. Heuhsen, both partners at Hunton & Williams, and Leon E. Roday, senior vice president, general counsel and secretary of Genworth Financial Inc. The panel explored a number of topics, including corporate investigations, shareholder activism, and a number of pending and proposed legislative changes. The program was well-attended, and Douglas M. Garrou did an excellent job of coordinating the section's participation in this event.

Publications

This year's goal is to have a newsletter for distribution in spring 2008.

Annual Meeting

At the annual business meeting on June 15, 2007, the following officers were elected: Kenneth W. Dolbeare, chair; Patrick J. Maslyn, vice chair; and Wendell L. Taylor, secretary. Patrick R. Hanes was elected to a three-year term on the section's Board of Governors, and existing member James M. Wilson was re-elected to a second three-year term.

Future Projects

The section plans to explore sponsoring a writing contest at George Mason University and perhaps tie it into their antitrust symposium. The section also is looking into offering a program in the fall of 2008 with the Federal Trade Commission's Franchise Disclosure Rule as a possible topic.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Mr. Garrou and all the members of the board for their efforts and work on behalf of the section this year. In addition, on behalf of the entire section, I want to express my thanks for the guidance and support provided throughout the year by Theresa B. Patrick, our VSB liaison. Her service to the section continues to be extraordinary.

