

## GENERAL PRACTICE

*Charles E. Adams, chair*

Throughout fiscal 2007, the General Practice Section persevered through the vagaries associated with a membership with broad and varied practices. It successfully served its members through its *General Practice* newsletter, sponsorship with Virginia CLE of the annual Solo and Small-Firm Institute, and the section's continuing legal education program at the Virginia State Bar Annual Meeting. Although the section has not yet received practical benefits from its other inchoate endeavors, such as exploring the need for a mentoring program for young attorneys or sponsoring a free or low-cost CLE program for general practitioners in Southwest Virginia, the section Board of Governors has nevertheless pursued these programs with dogged alacrity.

The General Practice Section enjoyed a budget in fiscal 2007 of \$25,840.00 and spent \$21,054.37. On June 1, 2007, membership comprised 879 attorneys, including 792 active members and 81 judges. The board of governors hopes to extend the benefits of the section to other general practitioners throughout the commonwealth, with special emphasis on Western and Southwest Virginia.

The section continues to sponsor the annual Virginia CLE Solo and Small-Firm Institute in Williamsburg, where attendees found the content extremely useful in conducting their practices. At the Annual Meeting of the Virginia State Bar in Virginia Beach, the section presented a CLE program titled "Basic Eviction Law and Defenses." Speakers included General District Judge Lucretia A. Carrico of Petersburg; Stephen E. Dickinson of the Petersburg Legal Aid Society; and section Chair Charles E. Adams. The section will continue to cosponsor with the Young Lawyers Conference the First Day of Practice Seminar for newly admitted members of the bar. The section thanks speakers who annually agree to share their expertise with new attorneys attending this program.

Charles E. Adams will serve a second consecutive term as chair, Linda Y. Lambert is vice chair, and Elizabeth K. Dillon is recording secretary. The Board of Governors continued to enjoy the unflagging support of its Virginia State Bar liaison, Patricia A. Sliger, without whom its efforts would come to a grinding halt. Vivian R. Byrd of the Virginia State Bar also made strong contributions to the board's work during fiscal 2007 and will serve as chief VSB liaison for fiscal 2008.

