

LITIGATION

Vicki Divine, chair

The Litigation Section had a membership of 2,924 for fiscal 2007, and the total allocated budget was \$33,155.

Law in Society Essay Contest

Participation significantly increased this year. In an effort to keep up this trend, in 2007 the Virginia State Bar will advertise and distribute literature in the fall so that schoolteachers will have more time to incorporate the subject matter of the essay into their curricula.

Appellate Practice Subcommittee

L. Stephen Emmert began holding mini-appellate seminars (he calls them “symposia”) for small groups around the state. With ten to fifteen attendees at each symposium, the give-and-take of information and ideas has been successful.

Additionally, the Appellate Practice Subcommittee is working with the Supreme Court of Virginia to put together two panels of appellate lawyers (one panel of experienced appellate lawyers and the other panel less experienced) to assist pro se parties. A team of two lawyers (one from each panel) will assist with the appeal. The pro se litigant benefits, the Court benefits, and the less-experienced attorney benefits.

VSB Annual Meeting Showcase Workshop

Jennifer Lee Parrish worked with representatives of the VSB Criminal Law Section and Special Committee on Bench-Bar Relations to present the Showcase Workshop at the 2007 Annual Meeting. The workshop featured William Haltom, a Tennessee trial lawyer and legal humorist, with panel members David P. Baugh of Richmond, moderator; retired Circuit Judge Ann Hunter Simpson of Hartwood; Joseph A. Condo of McLean, a past president of the VSB; and Karen A. Gould, 2006-2007 president of the VSB.

Fiscal 2008 Officers

R. Lee Livingston, chair; Jennifer Lee Parrish, vice chair; Gregory J. Haley, secretary; Vicki H. Devine, immediate past chair; and Kevin W. Holt, newsletter editor.

