

SEMINARS

Howard W. Martin, Jr., chair

The principal function of the Virginia State Bar Special Committee on Seminars is to plan upcoming Midyear Legal Seminars. Members of the committee for this year included John A. Dezio, Terry N. Grimes, Ralph E. Kipp, James W. Korman, William F. Roeder Jr., William L. Schmidt, Carol J. Schrier-Polak, and Stephen A. Strickler. Michael F. Blair also served on the committee ex officio.

The 2006 Midyear Seminar was held at the Ritz-Carlton Penha Longa Hotel and Golf Resort outside Lisbon in the Sintra region of Portugal. Approximately ninety-four participants attended. The continuing legal education program included the following presentations: “Attorney Discipline Cases: We Report, You Decide,” sponsored by the VSB Professional Regulation Department; “Hot Business Law Topics for the General Practitioner,” sponsored by the Business Law Section; “Employment Law in the Twenty-First Century: A Primer for Practitioners”; and “What Every Lawyer Needs to Know About Family Law,” sponsored by the Family Law Section. The seminar qualified for nine hours of Mandatory CLE credit, including two hours of ethics.

The committee also finalized plans for the 2007 seminar, to be held November 7-14, 2007, at the Grand Hotel Baglioni in Florence, Italy. Approximately 155 participants are registered. The CLE program will feature the following topics: “Not Your Father’s Kiddie Court: Representing and Raising Children in a New Era,” sponsored by the Criminal Law Section; “Are You Practicing Family Law and Don’t Even Know It?,” sponsored by the Family Law Section; and “Reality Bytes: Practicing Law Ethically in the Digital Age — How to Avoid Glitches, Errors, and Crashes,” sponsored by the Ethics Department. The program has been approved for nine hours of MCLE credit, including three hours of ethics.

