

## **ADMINISTRATIVE LAW SECTION**

*Cliona Mary Robb, chair*

### **Newsletter and Web Site**

Brian R. Greene edited the 2005–2006 winter edition of the *Administrative Law News*, which featured articles on the Energy Policy Act of 2005, developments in performance-based rates, the Verizon alternative regulatory plans, legal standing of associations, restrictions on rate cases, and the Gramm/Leach/ Bliley Act. Thanks to Michael J. Quinan, our Web site now features the complete text of all current and past articles of the *Administrative Law News* and the programs for every National Regulatory Conference.

### **Farewell to Commissioner Miller**

In January 2006, Allison L. Held organized a farewell breakfast for Commissioner I. Clinton Miller in honor of his retirement from the State Corporation Commission. The section also presented the commission with a commemorative plaque prepared by Mr. Quinan and Cliona Mary Robb. The plaque now hangs in the corridor outside the commission's courtrooms.

### **Welcome to Commissioner Jagdmann and Legislative Update**

In February 2006, the section hosted a brown-bag luncheon organized by Jo Anne L. Nolte and Ms. Held, featuring Commissioner Judith W. Jagdmann, who was appointed to replace Commissioner Miller. Kenneth J. Schrad from the SCC provided an update on developments at the 2006 General Assembly.

### **Annual Brown-Bag Luncheon**

In April 2006, the section hosted its Sixth Annual Brown Bag Luncheon Program, moderated by Ms. Nolte. The speaker was Commissioner Mark C. Christie, chair of the State Corporation Commission. He fielded questions on what the commission could be doing better.

### **National Regulatory Conference**

The Twenty-Fourth National Regulatory Conference was held May 11 and 12, 2006, in Williamsburg. The program, "To Market, To Market—From Regulation to Free Markets: Where Have We Been, Where Are We Now, and Where Do We Go?" focused on how regulation and market forces impact regulated industries. Professor David E. Nye, author of *Electrifying America*, provided a historical perspective on regulated industries in his keynote address.

Through the leadership of James S. Copenhaver and his committee, the conference implemented new approaches that were well received, including organizing several of the panels in a debate format, adding an extra panel to cover the wealth of regulatory developments in the past year, and serving lunch during the ethics panel.

### **Annual Meeting**

Attendance at this year's annual meeting was the highest it has been in years, thanks in large part to holding the annual meeting during the NRC. The section's new officers are Mr. Copenhaver, chair; Mr. Greene, vice chair; and Kiva B. Pierce, secretary. In addition, John A. Pirko and Donald Francis Lynch III were elected to the board of governors and Ashley C. Beuttel joins the board as newsletter editor. Our section Web site at [www.vsb.org/sections/ad/index.htm](http://www.vsb.org/sections/ad/index.htm) contains a complete list of the board of governors.

### **Ethics at the Beach**

Mr. Quinan organized an ethics continuing legal education panel at the Virginia State Bar Annual Meeting in Virginia Beach in conjunction with the Business Law, Antitrust Law, and Corporate Counsel sections.

