



## **ANTITRUST, FRANCHISE AND TRADE REGULATION SECTION**

*Anne Marie Cushmac, chair*

The Board of Governors of the Antitrust, Franchise and Trade Regulation Section continued its mission to improve the quality and relevance of continuing legal education programs for our members and to provide a forum for the discussion of topics of interest to antitrust practitioners.

## **Programs**

This year at the Virginia State Bar Annual Meeting, the section cosponsored a seminar, “Practicing in a House of Mirrors: Dilemmas Posed by Shifting Alliances and Latent Conflict When Representing Multiple Parties.” The speakers included Judge Walter D. Kelley Jr., E. Ford Stephens and Thomas G. Slater Jr. The panel explored ethical conflicts that can arise when an attorney is asked to represent multiple parties. Douglas M. Garrou did an excellent job coordinating the section’s participation in this event. The program was well attended and offered participants an opportunity to earn ethics credit.

## **Publications**

Under the leadership of Gustav P. Chiarello III, the section is working on a newsletter to distribute to our members.

## **Annual Meeting**

At the annual business meeting on June 16, 2006, the following officers were elected: Mr. Garrou, chair; Kenneth W. Dolbeare, vice chair; and Patrick J. Maslyn, secretary. New section Board of Governors members Bradley J. Hansen, Patricia M. McDermott and Wendell L. Taylor were elected to three-year terms.

## **Future Projects**

This fall the section plans to reprise its successful program entitled “Understanding and Negotiating a Franchise Agreement,” which will be sponsored jointly with the Maryland and District of Columbia bars.

It has been a pleasure and honor to serve as chair of this section. I would like to express my sincere thanks to all the members of the board for their unselfish dedication to the work of the section. I also appreciate the patience, diligence, gentle guidance and tireless support provided throughout the year by Theresa B. Patrick, our VSB liaison. Her service to the section continues to be extraordinary.

