



## **BANKRUPTCY LAW SECTION**

*Richard C. Maxwell, Chair*

It has been my pleasure to serve as chair of the Bankruptcy Law Section for 2005–2006. The section was particularly active this year responding to the new bankruptcy legislation that became effective October 17, 2005.

Robert S. Westermann of Hunton & Williams continued his work editing the *Bankruptcy Law News*.

In July 2005, the section and Virginia CLE presented a program about the effects of the new bankruptcy legislation. This program was held in Norfolk, Northern Virginia, Richmond and Roanoke. Vice Chair Peter G. Zemanian of the Zemanian Law Group chaired the seminar committee.

The section and Virginia CLE also presented the annual basic bankruptcy continuing legal education program in January and February 2005 in Norfolk, Northern Virginia, Richmond, and Roanoke. Mr. Zemanian chaired this seminar committee.

The section presented the Annual Advanced Consumer Bankruptcy Conference in April. This conference is designed for more experienced bankruptcy lawyers. It featured presentations by Dale W. Pittman and Morgan King. Bankruptcy Judges Stephen S. Mitchell, Douglas O. Tice Jr. and Stephen C. St. John participated in panel discussions in the conference.

The section presented a proof-of-claim seminar in Roanoke to help members of the credit community who routinely file claims for businesses. The seminar, directed by Malissa Lambert Giles of Giles & Lambert PC, was held in the U.S. Bankruptcy courtroom in Roanoke to a standing-room-only crowd.

The section cosponsored a continuing legal education seminar, “The Bumpy Road to Substantial Completion,” at the 2006 Annual Meeting of the Virginia State Bar. The speakers were Tyler P. Brown of Hunton & Williams and Paul K. Campsen of Kaufman & Canoles PC.

The section also organized a reception honoring Judge David H. Adams at the conclusion of his term as president of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges. The section also made a contribution to support the ceremony honoring Judge William E. Anderson on his twenty-five years of service as a bankruptcy judge.

The section has done work on redesigning its Web site so that communication between section members will be increased and the site will serve as a greater tool for the section members.

A nominating committee was formed comprising board members Debera F. Conlon of the Office of the U.S. Trustee and Roy M. Terry Jr. of Durette Bradshaw PC, together with Frank J. Santoro of Marcus, Santoro and Kozak; Donna J. Hall of Troutman Sanders LLP; and James L. Pedigo Jr. of Alexander P. Smith & Associates PC.

The following officers and board members were elected to serve in 2006–2007: Mr. Zemanian, chair; James R. Schroll, vice chair; Robert T. Copeland, secretary; Douglas M. Foley, to succeed Ms. Conlon, whose term has expired; and H. David Cox, Ms. Giles and Mr. Brown, to serve second three-year terms.

