



BUSINESS LAW SECTION

Peter E. Broadbent Jr., chair

The Virginia State Bar Business Law Section continued its emphasis on educating its members. In conjunction with Virginia CLE, the section sponsored the Advanced Business Law Seminar in February 2006 and the Annual Business Law Seminar in May 2006. The thirty-sixth Annual Advanced Business Law Seminar included topics on legal enforcement of letter agreements and other preliminary agreements, commercializing intellectual property, special-risk insurance in transactions, fiduciary duty and exit strategies, and computer security and ethics. The Annual Business Law Seminar focused on choice of business entity.

At the Virginia State Bar Annual Meeting in June, the section also hosted a continuing legal education program on ethical issues in representing multiple parties, cosponsored with the Administrative Law, Antitrust and Corporate Counsel sections.

After decades of holding the Annual Advanced Business Law Seminar at the Tides Inn in the fall, the section Board of Governors decided to try the Boars Head Inn in February, and the excellent attendance there proved that this was a popular and correct decision. Planning is now underway for the 2007 Annual Advanced Business Law Seminar at the Boars Head Inn.

With approximately 1,750 members, the section attempts to cover a broad range of topics relevant to its members.

At the June annual meeting, Peter E. Broadbent Jr. of Christian & Barton LLC was reelected 2006–2007 chair; South T. Patterson of Patton Wornom Hatten & Diamonstein, reelected vice chair; and James C. Hale of Gentry Locke Rakes & Moore LLP, elected secretary.

