



## **CRIMINAL LAW SECTION**

*Harvey L. Bryant III, chair*

The Criminal Law Section continues to enjoy the enthusiastic support of criminal law defense practitioners, prosecutors and judges. With approximately two thousand members, it is one of the Virginia State Bar's largest sections.

The section continued to provide a forum for the improvement of the criminal justice system through our newsletters, seminars and Web site.

Our Thirty-Sixth Annual Criminal Law Seminar, held in Charlottesville and Williamsburg, was well attended and received. Professor Roger D. Groot of Washington and Lee University Law School was posthumously recognized with a resolution honoring his support of the section and its goals. Frank W. Dunham Jr. was also honored with a resolution for his service to the bar, the federal public defender's offices and the Department of Justice.

The section's Harry L. Carrico Professionalism Award was presented to Paul B. Ebert of Prince William County for exemplary service to the bar and the commonwealth.

Continuing efforts to improve the funding and quality of indigent defense and prosecution included sending a letter to Governor Mark R. Warner that urged budget increases for indigent defense and meeting in a strategy session with Virginia State Bar President Phillip V. Anderson and representatives of the Governor, the Attorney General and concerned organizations.

At the VSB Annual Meeting, the section presented a timely program about the noncitizen defendant in the criminal justice system

In June 2006, John E. Lichtenstein of Roanoke was elected chair of the section for 2006–2007; Robert B. Beasley Jr. of Powhatan County, vice chair; and David P. Baugh of Richmond, secretary. Joining the section Board of Governors for four-year terms are John R. Doyle of Norfolk, Richard E. Trodden of Arlington, Nina J. Ginsberg of Alexandria, and Judge Beverly W. Snukals of Richmond.

Professor Robert E. Shepherd Jr. and Reno S. Harp III continued their thoughtful guidance and assistance to the board. The organizational assistance of Elizabeth L. Keller and Theresa B. Patrick was invaluable.

My term on the board has been a tremendous experience. I learned far more than I contributed. Our section continues to be vibrant because of its commitment to the justice system.

