

## **STANDING COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND FINANCE**

*Howard W. Martin Jr., chair*

The Standing Committee on Budget and Finance met on August 1, 2005, to review the Virginia State Bar's submission to the commonwealth for the 2006–2008 biennium budget. The requested appropriations of \$10,554,397 for fiscal year 2007 and \$10,676,669 for FY 2008 were approved by the state Department of Planning and Budget and included in the Governor's budget for consideration by the General Assembly. The General Assembly also approved the appropriation amounts requested by the bar.

The committee met again on March 23, 2006, to review the staff's proposal for the 2006–2007 operating budget. Immediately following the meeting, the proposed budget was sent to the Supreme Court for review and approval. The proposed budget was reviewed by the VSB Executive Committee on April 27, 2006, and recommended to the VSB Council for approval. In June, the Supreme Court informed the bar that the proposed budget was approved, except that a grant item of \$50,000 to Legal Services Corporation of Virginia should not be made until further study. On June 15, 2006, the council approved an operating budget for fiscal year 2006–2007 totaling \$12,276,360. This budget includes \$705,000 of one-time expenses for set-up costs for proposed new employees, including set-up costs related to the rental of additional office space, and the ongoing computer project. The \$50,000 previously included for LSCV was set aside as a contingency item.

