



## **TRUSTS AND ESTATES SECTION**

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The Trusts and Estates Section successfully organized and presented two seminars this past year.

In November, 2005, the twenty-fourth annual Trusts and Estates Seminar was held in Richmond, Roanoke, Norfolk and Fairfax. The seminar, cosponsored with Virginia CLE, featured a potpourri of practical topics for estate planners and administrators. The topics included how to handle the administration of tangible personal property in an estate; potential cultural, religious and ethnic considerations in drafting estate planning documents; drafting and administrative changes under the Uniform Trust Code (UTC); divorce and family law concerns for estate planners; and a discussion of the top mistakes trusts and estates lawyers make that lead to malpractice. The seminar continued its annual tradition of reviewing of the latest tax developments and Virginia developments. Unique to this seminar was a question-and-answer booth where experienced lawyers were available to answer trusts and estates questions one-on-one.

For the Virginia State Bar Annual Meeting in Virginia Beach in June 2006, the Trusts and Estates Section presented a seminar entitled “Practical Drafting Tips Under the UTC and Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act.” John T. Midgett and Andrew H. Hook provided excellent written materials, including sample language and forms. The presentations were straightforward and informative.

At the annual meeting, Donna Esposito Fincher was elected chair of the section; Victoria J. Roberson, vice-chair; Mr. Midgett, secretary; and Julie A. King, newsletter editor.

