

## **Criminal Law Section Annual Report** (2005-2006)

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The section continues to enjoy the enthusiastic support of criminal law practitioners, prosecutors, and judges. With approximately 2,000 members, it is one of the bar's largest sections.

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

Our 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Criminal Law Seminar, held in Charlottesville and Williamsburg was well attended and received.

Professor Roger D. Groot of Washington and Lee 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 his exemplary service to the bar, and the Commonwealth.

Continuing efforts to improve the funding and quality of indigent defense and prosecution included a letter to Governor Warner urging budget increases for indigent defense and a strategy session with President Phil Anderson, representatives of the Governor, the Attorney General, and other concerned organizations.

At the annual meeting, the section presented a timely program regarding the non-citizen defendant in the criminal justice system

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

Professor Robert Shepherd, Jr. and Reno Harp continued their thoughtful guidance and assistance to the Board. The organizational assistance of Elizabeth Keller and Theresa Patrick were 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.