

Section Activities Include Seminars, Handbook and Newsletters

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Members of the Construction Law and Public Contracts Section of the Virginia State Bar routinely review, revise and create agreements between parties involved in the construction industry. This issue of the *Virginia Lawyer*, dedicated to construction law issues, focuses on the contract stage of the construction project, whether at the time of a bid in a public procurement, or the negotiation of the document governing ongoing relationships between the parties on a private project.

The contract is the bible for a construction project. The importance of the documents that define the rights and obligations of the parties to building projects that can last many years and cost millions of dollars cannot be overemphasized. Construction practitioners not only advocate the position of their clients, they also help to develop and enforce a set of fair and predictable rules that allow the construction project to move forward for the benefit of all.

Each board member of the Construction Law and Public Contracts Section can serve no more than two consecutive three-year terms; officers are chosen from among the members. The board compiles and distributes newsletters and a handbook and organizes a highly touted annual seminar in November. The wide array of resources helps all of us become better counselors to our clients.

As the new chair, I am privileged to follow a succession of leaders who have built a strong organization. I urge each one of you to share your energy, enthusiasm, intellect and talent with your construction law colleagues through section involvement.



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