

# **2007 Legislative Report of The Virginia Bar Association (Regular Session)**

A principal mission of The Virginia Bar Association is to improve the law and administration of justice in Virginia. In that connection, it actively supports changes in statutes, rules and regulations which are in the public interest and opposes changes that do not serve the public interest.

In addition to responding to proposals for improving the law generated by its multiple sections and committees and approved by its Board of Governors, The Virginia Bar Association provides additional logistical and lobbying support for two organizations with which it has familial relationships, the Boyd-Graves Conference and the VBA Coalition on Family Law Legislation. The Boyd-Graves Conference is a group of experienced civil trial lawyers and judges which, acting by consensus of its membership, makes recommendations concerning needed changes to the Rules of Court of the Supreme Court of Virginia and the Code of Virginia relating to state court civil litigation in Virginia. The VBA Coalition on Family Law Legislation includes representatives of a broad range of statewide and local bar associations and other organizations of lawyers, including the VBA Domestic Relations Section and the VBA Commission on the Needs of Children, whose practice or area of expertise is concentrated in juvenile and domestic relations law and who are committed improving the law in that area.

The 2007 Regular Session of the General Assembly adjourned on February 24. The Governor has until March 26 to act on legislation. The 2007 Reconvened Session will be on April 4.

The following schedule is a summary of the status of bills supported, opposed or actively monitored by the VBA during the 2007 Regular Session.