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ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SOCIETY AUTHORS

CHAPTER FOR VIRGINIA LAWYER

Eight members of the Marshall-Wythe School of Law Environmental Law Society have been working with William B. Ellis of Hunton and Williams in Richmond to prepare a chapter on environmental law for the Virginia Lawyer. The Virginia Lawyer is a basic practice handbook issued and updated regularly by the Joint Committee on Continuing Legal Education of the Virginia Bar Association and Virginia State Bar. Peter Kenny has been representing the Continuing Legal Education Committee. Turner T. Smith, Jr., also with Hunton and Williams, has been Senior Editor on the project.

The environmental law chapter will provide an outline of what types of activities are regulated by Virginia and federal environmental statutes, how to apply the statutes to determine if permits are required for an activity, and how to apply for any needed permits. The major statutes outlined are about water quality, air quality, solid waste disposal and surface mining. Other sections discuss historic preservation, wildlife management, and erosion control. The environmental law chapter is scheduled for publication in the summer of 1981.

The project was initiated by ELS members in November 1979, originally with the intent of publishing an environmental law handbook. William B. Spong, Jr., Dean of the law school, arranged with Peter C. Manson, Director of the Continuing Legal Education Committee, to have the material included as a chapter in the Virginia Lawyer. "Because we had no money for printing or distributing the handbooks, this was an ideal solution," ELS member Leslie Sue Ritts observed.

Leslie Sue Ritts and Bruce B. Glendening helped develop the initial concept before leaving Marshall-Wythe. Other ELS members who are completing the initial chapter are W. Henry Lawrence, John M. Jeffords, Susan C. Watkins, Mark J. LaFratta, Albert Barker, Larry Landry, Randy Frostick, and Drew Hutchinson.

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