

As the chair of the ABA Section on Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice for 2008-2009, I would like to welcome you to our website. If you are already a member of our Section, thank you very much! I hope you have found that our publications and programs have helped you in your practice. If you are not a member, I would like to invite you to consider joining our Section. You will find that it is well worth the annual dues!

The Ad Law Section consists of approximately 20,000 members, consisting of lawyers in private practice, government lawyers, law professors, judges and law students. Our members are particularly interested in the practices of federal, state or local administrative agencies, including adjudication and rulemaking, and in judicial review of agency actions. Their areas of specialization span every possible area of government activity, from federal energy, homeland security, and benefits law, to state regulation of licensed professions, to local land use planning, and countless others.

The Section provides a range of valuable publications to its members. These include the quarterly Ad Reg News, a user-friendly newsletter discussing policy issues and new developments, and the Administrative Law Review, a scholarly journal of articles of practical and academic value. In addition, the Section publishes an annual Developments book to update its members on new developments in administrative law and in a vast array of regulatory domains. We present an annual award to a government employee for superior service and an annual scholarship award for the best administrative law articles published during the year by lawyers or law professors and by law students.

Among many programs and member benefits, the Section runs a highly successful Homeland Security Institute in February and an Ad Law Institute in April. Its committees sponsor numerous brown bag lunches and run CLE teleconferences open to members all over the country. We are working on a report to the newly elected President recommending improvements to the administrative laws and processes. We are also completing a report on reform of e-rulemaking and regulations.gov. We have just completed a major project on European Union Administrative Law that should be very helpful to American lawyers. And there is so much more.

The highlight of the Ad Law Section's year is its fall conference in Washington, DC. Hundreds of private and government lawyers attend the fall conference, which includes a huge array of practical CLE programs on hot topics in administrative and regulatory law as well as a program on new administrative and constitutional law developments. The Section is governed by its Council which meets four times a year. Everyone is welcome at the Council meetings, whether or not members of the Council, and there are always valuable and interesting CLE programs at each meeting.

The Council often considers proposed resolutions for consideration by the ABA House of Delegates, calling on Congress or federal agencies to take particular actions, such as amending the APA, reauthorizing and funding the Administrative Conference of the United States, or improving executive oversight of rulemaking. These resolutions offer our members a chance to play a role in policy formulation and implementation. The

Section consists of over 60 committees, covering every possible practice area in administrative and regulatory law. You will certainly find several committees that fit your interests and by joining the committees you will receive additional communications and publications of interest to you.

So, once again, I hope you find what you are looking for on our website and I would like to again take this opportunity to invite you to consider joining us.

H. Russell Frisby, Jr., Chair, 2008-2009