

Reflections on a Construction Law Weekend



Each of the last two years, I have attended the <u>Virginia State Bar</u> Construction Law and Public Contracts Section Seminar. This year it was held at the Boar's Head Inn in <u>Charlottesville, VA</u>.

While there, I have the pleasure of talking with friends (among them Tim Hughes aka <u>@vaconstruction</u> and main force behind the <u>Virginia Real Estate Land Use and</u>

<u>Construction Law Blog</u>) and others. This networking opportunity is a great way to meet other construction attorneys, discuss cases, and make new friends. Such opportunities make a great "real world" addition to <u>Web 2.0 efforts</u>.

Of course, the topics are great also. This year, they ranged from <u>green building</u>, to <u>mechanic's liens</u>, bankruptcy and recent developments in construction law. I was happy to see that many of the cases that my friend Tom Wolfe of <u>LeClairRyan</u> cited have been discussed in various places on this blog.

Tom listed cases on waiver of <u>arbitration clauses</u>, <u>recovery of delay damages on public</u> <u>projects</u>, the <u>economic loss rule</u>, and the <u>validity of mechanics liens</u> that have been discussed here at <u>Musings</u>.

While it is gratifying to find out that someone else finds these developments in construction law important, I enjoy the opportunity to hear from other lawyers with slightly different specialties. Learning is a good thing and I look forward to next year's seminar.

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