

**Items of Interest
to the
State and Local Government Section
of the
Maryland State Bar Association**

On December 12, 2007, the Section presented a mini-program regarding the acquisition of contaminated property. Those who attended heard a panel of well-qualified speakers who discussed the various opportunities available to local and state government and developers who want to buy contaminated properties and return them to a productive, income-producing condition. Sven Kaiser and Patricia Overmeyer represented the federal Environmental Protection Agency and discussed ways to protect against superfund liability and its Brownfields incentive program. Jim Henry from the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development spoke about available state programs to aid in returning properties to productive use. Thank you to Section Council members Laura Swisher, Diane Jones, and Chuck Thompson for their efforts in arranging this valuable program!

Save the date! After a three-year hiatus, the State and Local Government Institute is returning on **May 9, 2008**. Mark your calendars now and make sure to attend this useful program. Information regarding location and the agenda of topics will be publicized during the coming weeks. Hope to see you there!