

**VIRGINIA:**

*In the Supreme Court of Virginia held at the Supreme Court Building in the City of Richmond on Wednesday the 11th day of August 2021.*

On May 7, 2021, came the Virginia State Bar, by Brian L. Buniva, its President, and Karen A. Gould, its Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, and presented to the Court a petition, approved by the Council of the Virginia State Bar, praying that Paragraph 17, Part Six, Section IV of the Rules of Court, be amended. The petition is approved and Paragraph 17 is amended to read as follows:

PART SIX  
INTEGRATION OF THE STATE BAR  
SECTION IV. ORGANIZATION AND GOVERNMENT

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**17. Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Rule.**

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*C. Continuing Legal Education Requirements.* – (1) All active members of the Virginia State Bar shall annually complete and certify attendance at a minimum of twelve (12) credit hours of approved Continuing Legal Education courses of which at least two (2) hours shall be in the area of legal ethics or professionalism, which may include elimination of bias, except those lawyers expressly exempted from the requirement by this Rule or by decision of the Continuing Legal Education Board; provided, however, that for the period July 1, 2001 through October 31, 2002, active members shall complete and certify attendance at a minimum of fifteen (15) credit hours of approved Continuing Legal Education courses of which at least two (2) hours shall be in the area of legal ethics or professionalism, except those lawyers expressly exempted from the requirement by this rule or by decision of the Continuing Legal Education Board. Each active member shall complete the required Continuing Legal Education courses each year during the period November 1 through October 31 of the following year; provided, however, the next completion period following June 30, 2001, shall be July 1, 2001 through October 31, 2002.

(2) In order to provide flexibility in fulfilling the annual requirement, a one-year carry over of credit hours is permitted, so that accrued credit hours in excess of one year's requirement may be carried forward from one year to meet the requirement for the next year. A member may carry

forward a maximum of twelve (12) credit hours, two (2) of which, if earned in legal ethics or professionalism, may be counted toward the two (2) hours required by (C)(1).

Upon consideration whereof, it is ordered that the Rules for Integration of the Virginia State Bar, Part Six of the Rules of Court, be and the same hereby are amended in accordance with the prayer of the petition aforesaid, effective October 11, 2021.

A Copy,

Teste:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. M. P. P. P.", written in a cursive style.

Acting Clerk