

VIRGINIA:

In the Supreme Court of Virginia held at the Supreme Court Building in the City of Richmond on Friday the 19th day of April 2024.

On March 8, 2024, came the Virginia State Bar, by Chidi I. James, its President, and Cameron M. Rountree, its Executive Director, and presented to the Court a petition, approved by the Council of the Virginia State Bar, praying that Paragraph 13-5, Part Six, Section IV of the Rules of Court, be amended. The petition is approved and Paragraph 13-5 is amended to read as follows:

13-5. AUTHORITY AND DUTIES OF COLD.

All powers and duties of Council, with respect to the Disciplinary System, except the power to appoint District Committee members, may be exercised by COLD, subject to the direction and control of Council. Notwithstanding any rule to the contrary, any member of COLD may attend proceedings of the Subcommittees, District Committees or the Board. Service by an Attorney on COLD is deemed to be a professional relationship within the meaning of Rules of Professional Conduct 1.6, 1.7, 1.9, 1.10 and 3.7. Such service is deemed the holding of public office within the meaning of Rules of Professional Conduct 1.11 and 1.12. Consent under Rules of Professional Conduct 1.6, 1.7 and 1.9 is deemed to include Bar Counsel's consent on behalf of the Bar. The membership of COLD must consist of thirteen persons, ten of whom must be active members of the Bar and three must be nonlawyers. In addition, a vice chair of the Board is an ex-officio, nonvoting member.

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 June 18, 2024.