

VIRGINIA:

In the Supreme Court of Virginia held at the Supreme Court Building in the City of Richmond on Tuesday the 21st day of November, 2023.

It is ordered that the Rules heretofore adopted and promulgated by this Court and now in effect are hereby amended, effective immediately.

Amend Rule 5A:19 as follows:

Rule 5A:19. General Requirements for All Briefs.

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(b) *Filing Time: Appeal as a Matter of Right.* — In cases when appeal lies as a matter of right to this Court, except as otherwise provided by statute or order of this Court, briefs must be filed as follows:

(1) The appellant must file the opening brief in the office of the clerk of this Court within 40 days after the date of the filing of the record in such office.

(2) The brief of appellee and the brief of the guardian ad litem must be filed in the office of the clerk of this Court within 30 days after filing of the opening brief, or within 30 days after the filing of the record in this Court, whichever is later. The filing time for the brief of appellee in an *Anders* appeal is governed by Rule 5A:20(i).

(3) The appellant may file a reply brief in the office of the clerk of this Court within 14 days after filing of the brief of appellee or guardian ad litem.

(4) Motions for extensions to these briefing deadlines must be filed no later than 10 days after the expiration of the deadline.

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Clerk