

RULES OF SUPREME COURT OF VIRGINIA
PART SEVEN C
GENERAL DISTRICT COURTS –CRIMINAL AND TRAFFIC

Rule 7C:6. Pleas.

(a) A court shall not accept a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to any misdemeanor charge punishable by confinement in jail without first determining that the plea is made voluntarily with an understanding of the nature of the charge and the consequences of the plea. Before accepting a plea to such a charge, the court shall inform the accused that such a plea constitutes a waiver of the right to confront one's accusers and the right against compulsory self-incrimination.

(b) Upon rejecting a plea agreement, a judge shall immediately recuse himself from any further proceedings on the same matter unless the parties agree otherwise.

(c) A corporation, acting by counsel or through an agent, may enter the same pleas as an individual.

Last amended by Order dated July 2, 2014; effective immediately.