

VIRGINIA:

In the Supreme Court of Virginia held at the Supreme Court Building in the City of Richmond on Friday, the 1st day of November, 2019.

It is ordered that the Rules heretofore adopted and promulgated by this Court and now in effect be and they hereby are amended to become effective January 1, 2020.

Amend Rule 2:615 as follows:

Rule 2:615. Exclusion of Witnesses (Rule 2:615(a) derived from Code §§ 8.01-375, 19.2-184, and 19.2-265.1; Rule 2:615(b) derived from Code § 8.01-375; and Rule 2:615(c) derived from Code § 19.2-265.1)

(a) The court, in a civil or criminal case, may on its own motion and shall on the motion of any party, require the exclusion of every witness including, but not limited to, police officers or other investigators. The court may also order that each excluded witness be kept separate from all other witnesses. But each named party who is an individual, one officer or agent of each party which is a corporation, limited liability entity or association, an attorney alleged in a habeas corpus proceeding to have acted ineffectively, and in an unlawful detainer action filed in general district court, a managing agent as defined in § 55.1-1200 shall be exempt from the exclusion as a matter of right.

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Clerk