

VIRGINIA:

In the Supreme Court of Virginia held at the Supreme Court Building in the City of Richmond on Thursday the 26th day of September, 2024.

It is ordered that Section III of the Rules for Integration of the Virginia State Bar, Part Six of the Rules of Court, Canons of Judicial Conduct, be amended, to become effective immediately.

Amend Canon 2H(1) and 2N to read as follows:

SECTION III. CANONS OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA.

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CANON 2. A JUDGE MUST UPHOLD THE PUBLIC TRUST

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H. Service on boards of charitable, civic, religious, fraternal, or educational institutions

1. A judge may serve as an officer, director, trustee, or non-legal advisor of an organization devoted to the improvement of the law, the legal system, or the administration of justice, or of an educational, religious, charitable, fraternal, or civic organization not conducted for profit, subject to the limitations of standard 2H(2) and the other requirements of these Canons.

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N. Avoiding governmental appointments except as pertain to improvement of the law, the legal system, or the administration of justice

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3. A judge may serve on a governmental committee or commission for which the judicial membership is provided by law or that involves the improvement of the law, the legal system, or the administration of justice, provided the judge's role is limited to discussion of and voting on matters that are not issues in specific cases pending before or likely to come before the judge. Such service may include participating on committees or task forces created by the executive and legislative branches of state government, or by local governments, to review policies affecting entities that interact with the judicial system.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a judge shall not accept appointment to a governmental committee or commission or other governmental position that is concerned with issues of fact or policy on matters other than the improvement of the law, the legal system, or the administration of justice. This section does not apply to all judges as set forth in Exceptions to Applicability 3 and 4.

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Muriel-Theresa Pitney, Clerk

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Deputy Clerk