

## VIRGINIA:

*In the Supreme Court of Virginia held at the Supreme Court Building in the City of Richmond on Friday, the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.*

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 May 15, 2020.

Amend Section IV, Paragraph 22 of the Rules for Integration of the Virginia State Bar, Part Six of the Rules of Court to read as follows:

### **22. Voluntary Pro Bono Publico Service Reporting.**

Rule 6.1 of the Virginia Rules of Professional Conduct establishes an aspirational goal that every lawyer should render at least two percent per year of the lawyer's professional time to pro bono publico legal services. Providing an opportunity for lawyers to voluntarily report their pro bono service on an annual basis will: (1) heighten awareness of this ethical responsibility among the bar membership by serving as an annual reminder; (2) provide a mechanism for the bar to report and measure its collective performance vis-a-vis the aspirational goal set by Rule 6.1; (3) provide data for the judiciary to support its efforts to promote and recognize pro bono contributions on a local, regional and statewide basis; (4) provide crucial benchmark data to the Virginia Access to Justice Commission to support its work promoting equal access to justice for Virginia residents; and (5) enable the bar to educate the public regarding the amount of pro bono publico work provided by its membership to the community, thereby improving the image and standing of the profession and its membership.

Accordingly, the Supreme Court of Virginia requests that each active and associate member of the Virginia State Bar voluntarily supply to the Virginia State Bar certain information regarding their pro bono publico contributions as part of their annual dues renewal. Moreover, the Supreme Court of Virginia grants the Virginia State Bar the authority to collect this information in an efficient manner consistent with the above five enumerated purposes, on a form, which shall be approved by the Supreme Court of Virginia, and which specifically provides an attorney the option not to report.

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Teste:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JBRW', written over a horizontal line.

Clerk