

**VIRGINIA:**

*In the Supreme Court of Virginia held at the Supreme Court Building in the City of Richmond on Wednesday the 13th day of September, 2023.*

It is ordered that the Rules heretofore adopted and promulgated by this Court and now in effect are hereby amended, effective November 12, 2023.

Amend Rule 1A:1 as follows:

**Rule 1A:1. Admission to Practice in This Commonwealth Without Examination.**

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**Regulations Governing Applications for Admission to Virginia State Bar Pursuant to Rule of the Supreme Court of Virginia 1A:1, effective December 1, 2018.**

**INTRODUCTION**

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**THRESHOLD REQUIREMENTS**

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**3. Requirement of Minimum Current Practice.** An applicant may apply for admission without examination only if the applicant has been engaged in the full-time practice of law for at least three of the last five years immediately preceding his or her application for admission to the Virginia State Bar. Except as provided in Threshold Requirement 4 below, the applicant must have been licensed to engage in the practice of law in the jurisdiction where such practice occurred. Practice from an office located in a foreign country will not be accepted as qualifying practice unless it is the full-time practice of the law of the United States and/or any of its states and territories. Persons holding a Virginia Corporate Counsel Certificate under Part I of Rule 1A:5 may receive credit as provided in such Rule. Persons holding a Virginia Legal Aid Counsel Certificate under Rule 1A:9 may receive credit as provided in such Rule.

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Clerk