

Thursday 1st March, 2007.

On April 3, 2006 came the Virginia State Bar, by Phillip V. Anderson, its President, and Thomas A. Edmonds, its Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, and presented to the Court a petition, approved by the Council of the Virginia State Bar, praying that Paragraph 13, Section IV, of the Rules for Integration of the Virginia State Bar, Part Six of the Rules of Court, be amended to read as follows:

13. Procedure for Disciplining, Suspending, and Disbarring Attorneys.

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H. *District Committee Proceedings*

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2. Hearing Procedure

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b. Public Docket

The Clerk's Office shall maintain a public docket of all matters set for hearing before a District Committee or certified to the Board. For every matter before a District Committee for which a Charge of Misconduct has been mailed by the Office of the Bar Counsel, the Clerk shall place it on the docket 21 days after the date of the Charge of Misconduct. For every Complaint certified to the Board by a Subcommittee, the Clerk shall place it on the docket on receipt of the statement of the certified charges from the Subcommittee.

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I. *Board Proceedings*

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3. Procedure on Appeal of a District Committee Determination
 - a. Procedure

Upon receipt of notice from the Clerk of the Disciplinary System that a Respondent has filed an appeal from a District Committee Determination or that the Board has granted a petition for appeal, the Board shall place such matter on its docket for review. The Clerk of the Disciplinary System shall notify the appellant when the entire record of the Proceeding before the District Committee has been received or when the time for appeal has expired. The record shall consist of the Charge of Misconduct, the complete transcript of the Proceeding, any exhibits received or refused by the District Committee, the District Committee Determination, and all the briefs, memoranda or other papers filed with the District Committee by the Respondent or the Bar. Upon petition of the Respondent, for good cause shown, the Board may permit the record to be supplemented to prevent injustice, such supplement to be in such form as the Board may deem appropriate. Thereafter, briefs shall be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Disciplinary System as follows.

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4. Proceedings Upon Certification for Sanction Determination:
 - a. Initiation of Proceeding:

Upon receipt of the Certification for Sanction Determination from a District Committee, the Clerk of the Disciplinary System shall issue a notice of hearing on the Certification for Sanction Determination giving Respondent the date, time and place of the Proceeding and a copy of the Certification for Sanction Determination.

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N. *Confidentiality of Disciplinary Records and Proceedings*

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3. Timing of Public Access to Disciplinary Information:
All records of a matter set for public hearing remain confidential until the matter is dismissed or a public sanction is imposed except:

a. A Charge of Misconduct is public when the matter is placed on the public District Committee hearing docket; and

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Upon consideration whereof, it is ordered that the Rules for Integration of the Virginia State Bar, Part Six of the Rules of Court, be and the same hereby are amended in accordance with the prayer of the petition aforesaid, effective immediately.

A Copy,

Teste:

Clerk