

## VIRGINIA:

*In the Supreme Court of Virginia held at the Supreme Court Building in the City of Richmond on Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> day of December 2016.*

On October 18, 2016 came the Virginia State Bar, by Michael W. Robinson, its President, and Karen A. Gould, 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 Section IV, Paragraph 13.1 of the Rules of Integration of the Virginia State Bar, Part Six of the Rules of Court, be amended.

Amend Section IV, Paragraph 13.1 of the Rules for Integration of the Virginia State Bar, Part Six of the Rules of Court to read as follows:

### **13.1. Suspension for Failure to Complete Professionalism Course.**

Each person admitted to the Virginia State Bar on or after July 1, 1988, as an active member shall complete the course of study prescribed by the Executive Committee of the Virginia State Bar and approved by the Supreme Court of Virginia on the Rules of Professional Conduct and the lawyer's broader professional obligations, and any active member who fails to complete the course shall be suspended unless an extension is obtained for good cause shown. Such course of study shall be funded by attendance fees paid by those attending the course.

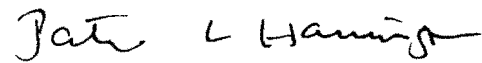
Any active member licensed after June 30, 1988, and any other member who changes his or her membership to active status shall complete the required course within twelve months of becoming an active member. Failure to comply with this Rule shall subject the active member to the penalties set forth in Paragraph 19 herein.

"Good cause shown" as used herein shall include illness, hospitalization or such other cause as may be determined by the Executive Committee, whose determination shall be final. The Executive Director of the Virginia State Bar is authorized to grant extensions for compliance with this paragraph until the next Executive Committee meeting. Any determination by the Executive Committee or the Executive Director may be reviewed by the Supreme Court on request of the member seeking an extension.

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 March 1, 2017.

A Copy,

Teste:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pat L. Hammon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Clerk