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## SUPREME COURT OF VIRGINIA TO CONDUCT REMOTE ADMISSION CEREMONY FOR APPLICANTS PASSING THE JULY 2021 VIRGINIA BAR EXAM

RICHMOND - The Supreme Court of Virginia will conduct a remote Admission Ceremony on December 8, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. for newly licensed attorneys to be admitted to practice in the courts of Virginia.

The Court will conduct the remote Admission Ceremony on December 8, 2021, at 2:00 p.m., via an audio-visual platform. The ceremony will be live-streamed (one-way audio and visual) and will be publicly accessible via a hyperlink titled "December 2021 Admission Ceremony" on the Homepage of the Court's website: [www.vacourts.gov](http://www.vacourts.gov).

If you seek to be admitted to the Bar of the Supreme Court of Virginia during the December 8 Admission Ceremony, you must do the following:

- Register online for the remote Admission Ceremony by going to the "For Legal Community" tab ([www.vacourts.gov/legal.html](http://www.vacourts.gov/legal.html)) on the Court's website, then select "December 2021 Online Admission Ceremony Registration Link," and follow the instructions. You may register online at any time prior to, but not later than, 9:00 a.m. on December 8. The failure to register by that time means that you will not be admitted to the Bar of this Court during the ceremony.
- If you register but later determine that you will not be able to participate in the ceremony, you must revisit the "For Legal Community" tab on the Court's website and expressly withdraw your registration using the "Un-Register from the December 2021 Online Ceremony" link.
- On December 8, no later than 2:00 p.m., click on the live-stream hyperlink titled "December 2021 Admission Ceremony" on the Homepage of the Court's website to remotely participate in the Admission Ceremony. Continue your participation until adjournment.
- Submit any questions you may have by email (stating "Admission Ceremony" in the subject line) to the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Virginia at [scvclerk@vacourts.gov](mailto:scvclerk@vacourts.gov).

About the Supreme Court of Virginia: The Supreme Court of Virginia possesses both original and appellate jurisdiction. The Court reviews decisions of lower courts, including the Court of

Appeals, from which appeals have been allowed. Virginia does not allow an appeal to the Supreme Court as a matter of right except in cases involving the State Corporation Commission and certain disciplinary actions regarding attorneys. The Court's original jurisdiction is limited to cases of habeas corpus, mandamus, prohibition, and actual innocence. The Supreme Court also has original jurisdiction in matters filed by the Judicial Inquiry and Review Commission relating to judicial censure and retirement, and removal of judges. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court serves as the administrative head of Virginia's Judicial System. The Chief Justice is charged with overseeing the efficient and effective operation of the Judicial Branch.

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