

Friday

13th

April, 2007.

On November 22, 2006 came the Virginia State Bar, by Karen A. Gould, 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 Comment 3, Rule 4.2, Section II, of the Rules for Integration of the Virginia State Bar, Part Six of the Rules of Court, be amended to read as follows:

**Rule 4.2. Communication with Persons Represented by Counsel.**

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[1-2] *ABA Model Rule* Comments not adopted.

[3] The Rule applies even though the represented person initiates or consents to the communication. A lawyer must immediately terminate communication with a person if, after commencing communication, the lawyer learns that the person is one with whom communication is not permitted by this Rule. A lawyer is permitted to communicate with a person represented by counsel without obtaining the consent of the lawyer currently representing that person, if that person is seeking a "second opinion" or replacement counsel.

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