

**VIRGINIA:**

*In the Supreme Court of Virginia held at the Supreme Court Building in the City of Richmond on Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019.*

It is ordered that the Rules heretofore adopted and promulgated by this Court and now in effect be and they hereby are amended to become effective July 1, 2019.

Amend Rule 5:4 as follows:

**Rule 5:4. Motions and Responses; Orders.**

(a) *Motions and Responses.* —

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(2) Responses. Opposing counsel may have 10 days after such motion is filed to file with such clerk a response to such motion, but this Court may act before the 10 days expire, if necessary. Once such a response is filed, no further pleadings in support of or in opposition to a motion may be filed without leave of Court.

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Amend Rule 5:17A as follows:

**Rule 5:17A. Petition for Review Pursuant to Code § 8.01-626; Injunctions.**

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(g) *Responsive Pleading.* — A respondent may file a response to a petition for review within seven days of the date of service of same, unless the Court specifies a shorter time frame. The response shall not exceed the greater of 12 pages or 2,100 words. For the purpose of this rule, a petition for review is considered served 3 days from the date on which it was mailed, or 1 day from the date on which the petition was faxed, emailed, or sent by commercial delivery service, to counsel for the respondent. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Court may act on a petition for review without awaiting a response; however, absent exceptional circumstances, the Court shall not grant a petition for review without affording the respondent an opportunity to file a responsive pleading.

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Amend Rule 5A:4 as follows:

**Rule 5A:4. Forms of Briefs and Other Papers.**

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(b) *Binding and Cover.* — All briefs, appendices, petitions for rehearing, and petitions for rehearing en banc shall be bound on the left margin in such a manner as to produce a flat, smooth binding. Spiral binding, acco fasteners, and the like are not acceptable. The front cover of all petitions for appeal, briefs, appendices, petitions for rehearing, and petitions for rehearing en banc shall contain the style of the case (with the name of the petitioner/appellant stated first) and the record number of the case and the name, Virginia State Bar number, mailing address, telephone number (including any applicable extension), facsimile number (if any), and email address of counsel submitting the document.

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