

VIRGINIA:

In the Supreme Court of Virginia held at the Supreme Court Building in the City of Richmond on Thursday, the 8th day of October, 2026.

It is ordered that Section III of the Rules for Integration of the Virginia State Bar, Part Six of the Rules of Court, Canons of Judicial Conduct, be amended, to become effective December 7, 2026.

Amend Canon 1(K)(2) to read as follows:

CANON 1. A JUDGE MUST BE IMPARTIAL

The standards that follow this Canon are binding and authoritative in interpreting the Canon. Some standards will include illustrations. Such illustrations are intended to be applied to achieve the purposes of the Canon.

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K. Consultation with law clerks and administrative personnel

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2. A judge may consult with the attorneys of the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia for aid in carrying out the judge's adjudicative responsibilities. A judge may request an advisory opinion from the Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee or advice from the Judicial Inquiry and Review Commission when the judge requires assistance or guidance regarding the judge's responsibilities under these Canons.

3. Consultations described in standards K(1) and (2) are not deemed to be ex parte communications and notice to the parties under standard J(1)(d) is not required.

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Clerk