

VIRGINIA:

In the Supreme Court of Virginia held at the Supreme Court Building in the City of Richmond on Thursday, the 28th day of May, 2026.

On March 9, 2026, came the Virginia State Bar, by K. Brett Marston, its President, and Cameron M. Rountree, its Executive Director, and presented to the Court a petition, approved by the Council of the Virginia State Bar, praying that Rule 1.9, Part Six, Section II of the Rules of Court, be amended. The petition is approved, and Rule 1.9 is amended to read as follows:

Rule 1.9. Conflict of Interest: Former Client.

(a) A lawyer who has formerly represented a client in a matter shall not thereafter represent another person in the same or a substantially related matter in which that person’s interests are materially adverse to the interests of the former client unless both the present and former client consent after consultation.

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(c) A lawyer who has formerly represented a client in a matter or whose present or former firm has formerly represented a client in a matter shall not thereafter:

(1) use information relating to or gained in the course of the representation to the disadvantage of the former client except as Rule 1.6 or Rule 3.3 would permit or require with respect to a client, or when the information has become generally known, or when the information consists solely of criminal history information that can be obtained from law enforcement databases or court records; or

(2) reveal information relating to the representation except as Rule 1.6 or Rule 3.3 would permit or require with respect to a client.

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 July 27, 2026.

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Teste:


Clerk