VACATED BY ORDER ENTERED SEPTEMBER 4, 2026

VIRGINIA:

In the Supreme Court of Virginia held at the Supreme Court Building in the City of Richmond on Friday, the 17th day of July, 2026.

It is ordered that the Rules heretofore adopted and promulgated by this Court and now in effect are hereby amended, effective September 15, 2026.

Amend Part One, Rule 1A:8 as follows:

Rule 1A:8. Military Spouse Provisional Admission.

1. *Requirements.* — A person may submit an application to the Virginia Board of Bar Examiners (the "Board") seeking to be provisionally admitted to the practice of law in Virginia if that person, as set forth in paragraph 2 of this Rule 1A:8, (i) meets all the requirements of subparagraphs (a) through (l); (ii) makes the certification required by subparagraph (k); and (iii) pays the fee(s) described in subparagraph (l).

2. *Required Evidence.* — The applicant for provisional admission must submit evidence satisfactory to the Board that he or she:

(a) has been admitted by examination to practice law in any state or territory of the United States or of the District of Columbia;

(b) holds a Juris Doctor degree from a law school accredited by the American Bar Association at the time of such applicant's graduation;

(c) is currently an active member in good standing in at least one state or territory of the United States, or the District of Columbia, where the applicant is admitted to the unrestricted practice of law, and is a member in good standing in all jurisdictions where the applicant has been admitted;

(d) is not currently subject to lawyer discipline or the subject of a pending disciplinary matter in any other jurisdiction;

(e) possesses the good character and fitness to practice law in Virginia;

(f) is the dependent spouse of an active-duty service member of the United States

Uniformed Services as defined by the Department of Defense (or, for the Coast Guard when it is not operating as a service in the Navy, by the Department of Homeland Security) and that the service member is on military orders stationed in the Commonwealth of Virginia or the National Capitol region, as defined by the Department of Defense;

(g) is physically residing in Virginia;

(h) has submitted all requested character investigation information, in a manner and to the extent established by the Board, including all required supporting documents;

(i) has never failed the Virginia Bar Examination;

(j) has certified under oath the completion of twelve hours of instruction approved by the Virginia Continuing Legal Education Board on Virginia substantive and/or procedural law, including four hours of ethics, within the six-month period immediately preceding or following the filing of the applicant's application;

(k) certifies that he or she has read and is familiar with the Virginia Rules of Professional Conduct; and

(l) has paid such fees as may be set by the Board to cover the costs of the character and fitness investigation and the processing of the application.

3. *Temporary Provisional Certificate.* — During the period in which an application for Military Spouse Provisional Admission is pending with the Board until the applicant is notified that either (i) the lawyer's application is rejected; or (ii) the lawyer is eligible for Military Spouse Provisional Admission, the applicant may be employed in Virginia under a Temporary Provisional Certificate issued by the Board. After receiving a Temporary Provisional Certificate from the Board, the applicant may practice law in Virginia, including appearing in court without supervision; provided, however, that the Board may suspend an applicant's Temporary Provisional Certificate pending completion of the character and fitness review. To appear in court under a Temporary Provisional Certificate, the applicant must first take the oath required of attorneys, which can be administered by a judge pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-3903.

4. *Issuance, Admission, Duration and Renewal.* —

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5. *Events of Termination.* —

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6. *Notices Required.* —

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7. *Benefits and Responsibilities.* —

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