

Tuesday 28th February, 2006.

On November 10, 2005 came the Virginia State Bar, by Phillip V. Anderson, 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 Rule 1.3, Section II, of the Rules for Integration of the Virginia State Bar, Part Six of the Rules of Court, be amended. The petition is approved, as modified by the Court, and the commentary to Rule 1.3 is amended to add section [4], which reads as follows:

Rule 1.3. Diligence.

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COMMENT

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[4] A lawyer should plan for client protection in the event of the lawyer's death, disability, impairment, or incapacity. The plan should be in writing and should designate a responsible attorney capable of making, and who has agreed to make, arrangements for the protection of client interests in the event of the lawyer's death, impairment, or incapacity.

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, effective immediately.

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Teste:

Clerk