

Friday 19th March, 2010.

On July 1, 2009 came the Virginia State Bar, by Jon D. Huddleston, its President, and Karen A. Gould, 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 Paragraph 13, Section IV, of the Rules for Integration of the Virginia State Bar, Part Six of the Rules of Court, be amended to read as follows:

13. Procedure for Disciplining, Suspending, and Disbarring Attorneys.

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13-10. PROCESSING OF COMPLAINTS BY BAR COUNSEL.

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C. Summary Resolution. Bar Counsel shall decide whether a Complaint is appropriate for an informal or abbreviated Investigation. When a Complaint involves minor allegations of Misconduct susceptible to early resolution, Bar Counsel may assign the Complaint to a staff member, a District Committee member, or use any other means practicable to speedily investigate and resolve the allegations of Misconduct. If the Complaint is resolved through this process, Bar Counsel shall then dismiss the Complaint. Such dismissal shall not become a part of the Respondent's Disciplinary Record. If Bar Counsel chooses not to proceed under this subsection, or, having elected to proceed under this subsection, the Complaint is not resolved within 90 days from the date of filing, Bar Counsel shall proceed pursuant to the following subsections.

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13-22. BOARD PROCEEDINGS UPON A GUILTY PLEA OR AN ADJUDICATION OF A CRIME.

A. Action Upon Receipt of Notification. Whenever the Clerk of the Disciplinary System receives written notification from any court of competent jurisdiction stating that an Attorney (the "Respondent") has been found guilty or convicted of a Crime by a Judge or jury, pled guilty to a Crime or entered a plea wherein the facts found by a court would justify a finding of guilt, irrespective of whether sentencing has occurred, a member of the Board shall forthwith and summarily enter an order of Suspension requiring the Respondent to appear at a specified time and place for a hearing before the Board to show cause why the Respondent's License to practice law should not be further suspended or revoked. A copy of the written notification from the court shall be served upon the Respondent with the Board's order of Suspension.

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D. Burden of Proof. At the hearing, the Respondent shall have the burden of proving why his or her License should not be further suspended or revoked.

E. Action by the Board and Notice to Respondent.

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F. Procedure.

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Upon consideration whereof, it is ordered that the Rules for Integration of the Virginia State Bar, Part Six, Section IV, of the

Rules of Court, be and the same hereby are amended in accordance with the prayer of the petition aforesaid, effective immediately.

A Copy,

Teste:

Clerk