

## **VIRGINIA:**

*In the Supreme Court of Virginia held at the Supreme Court Building in the City of Richmond on Wednesday the 5th day of May 2021.*

It is ordered that the Rules heretofore adopted and promulgated by this Court and now in effect are hereby amended, effective July 5, 2021.

Amend Section IV, Paragraph 4 of the Rules for Integration of the Virginia State Bar, Part Six of the Rules of Court to read as follows:

### **4. Officers.**

The officers of the Virginia State Bar shall be a President, a President-elect, an Immediate Past President and a Secretary-Treasurer. The President-elect shall be elected annually for a term to commence on July 1 and to continue until the next president-elect assumes the presidency or the president-elect otherwise vacates office. The former President then shall become the Immediate Past-President until the following July 1.

To be eligible for nomination as President-elect, the candidate must, at the time of nomination, have been an active member of the Virginia State Bar for a period of seven years and must have served on the Council for a minimum of two years within the five-year period next preceding his or her election.

The method of election of the President-elect shall be in the manner prescribed by the Bylaws of the Council.

If the President were unable to complete his or her term of office, the President-elect shall become President. Should a vacancy occur in the President-elect position, for whatever reason, an election shall be held as soon as possible to fill the vacancy pursuant to the election procedures set forth in the bylaws. Should a vacancy occur in the Immediate Past President position, the vacancy will remain until a new President qualifies as Immediate Past President.

The President, the President-elect and the Immediate Past President shall be ex officio members of the Council; the President shall preside over the Council. In the absence of the President, the President-elect shall preside.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall also bear the title of Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer. In the event of a vacancy, the Council shall recommend its nominee as Secretary-Treasurer to the Supreme Court of Virginia which shall approve or reject the Council's recommendation. If the Supreme Court rejects Council's recommendation, Council shall submit another recommendation to the Court for its consideration. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep all records of the Council and the Virginia State Bar.

The Secretary-Treasurer may be removed from office by the Council with the approval of the Supreme Court or by the Supreme Court, acting sua sponte.

A Copy,

Teste:

Douglas B. Robelen, Clerk

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. M. [unclear] [unclear]".

By:

Deputy Clerk