

VIRGINIA:

In the Supreme Court of Virginia held at the Supreme Court Building in the City of Richmond on Wednesday, the 16th day of April, 2025.

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-3910, the Court has determined it is in the financial interests of the Virginia State Bar that its four conferences (the Conference of Local and Specialty Bar Associations, the Diversity Conference, the Senior Lawyers Conference and the Young Lawyers Conference) be converted to sections. Accordingly, the Virginia State Bar is ordered to complete such transition no later than June 30, 2025.

Furthermore, Part 6, Section IV, Paragraph 5 of the Rules of Court is hereby amended as follows and accordingly, it is ordered that the Rules heretofore adopted and promulgated by this Court and now in effect are hereby amended, effective July 1, 2025.

Amend Section IV, Paragraph 5 of the Rules for Integration of the Virginia State Bar, Part Six of the Rules of Court to read as follows:

**PART SIX.
INTEGRATION OF THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR
SECTION IV. ORGANIZATION AND GOVERNMENT**

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5. The Council

The powers of the Virginia State Bar shall be exercised by a Council composed of at least thirty-seven members in addition to the President, President-elect and Immediate Past President, as *ex officio* members, elected and appointed as follows:

At least one active member from each of the thirty-one judicial circuits, elected for a term of three years by the members of the bar of each circuit, and nine members appointed by the Supreme Court of Virginia from the active members of the bar of the state at large. The Court shall appoint the at-large members to serve for a term of three years and, further, shall appoint in such a manner as to ensure that three members are appointed annually. A person who has served two successive full three-year terms as an elected or appointed member of Council shall not be eligible for election or appointment to a third successive term.

For each additional judicial circuit, whenever created, there shall be a member of the Council, who shall be an active member of the bar of that circuit. An election shall be held in

