

VIRGINIA:

In the Supreme Court of Virginia held at the Supreme Court Building in the City of Richmond on Wednesday, the 31st day of October, 2018.

On June 21, 2018, came the Virginia State Bar, by Leonard C. Heath, Jr., 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 Rule 1.1, Part Six of the rules of Court, be amended, effective immediately. The petition is approved, as modified by the Court, and Rule 5:8 is added to read as follows, effective immediately:

Amend Section II, Comment to Rule 1.1 of the Rules for Integration of the Virginia State Bar, Part Six of the Rules of Court to read as follows:

CLIENT LAWYER RELATIONSHIP.

RULE 1.1. Competence.

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COMMENT

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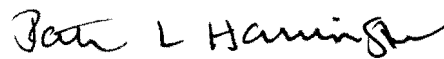
Maintaining Competence

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[7] A lawyer’s mental, emotional, and physical well-being impacts the lawyer’s ability to represent clients and to make responsible choices in the practice of law. Maintaining the mental, emotional, and physical ability necessary for the representation of a client is an important aspect of maintaining competence to practice law. *See also* Rule 1.16(a)(2).

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