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Call for Comments

Contact: Muriel-Theresa Pitney, Clerk

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THE SUPREME COURT OF VIRGINIA REQUESTS PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO RULE 1A:1

RICHMOND – The Supreme Court of Virginia is considering a proposed amendment to the Rules of Court, Rule 1A:1. Comments on the proposed amended rule must be **received** by June 12, 2023, and must be addressed to:

Muriel-Theresa Pitney, Clerk
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Via email (scvclerk@vacourts.gov) with the subject line "Rule 1A:1"

In the alternative, comments may be mailed to the Clerk's office at:

Clerk, Supreme Court of Virginia
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PART ONE
GENERAL RULES APPLICABLE TO ALL
PROCEEDINGS

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Rule 1A:1. Admission to Practice in This Commonwealth Without Examination.

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Regulations Governing Applications for Admission to Virginia State Bar Pursuant to Rule of the Supreme Court of Virginia 1A:1, effective December 1, 2018.

INTRODUCTION

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THRESHOLD REQUIREMENTS

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3. Requirement of Minimum Current Practice. An applicant may apply for admission without examination only if the applicant has been engaged in the full-time practice of law for at least three of the last five years immediately preceding his or her application for admission to the Virginia State Bar. Except as provided in Threshold Requirement 4 below, the applicant must have been licensed to engage in the practice of law in the jurisdiction where such practice occurred. Practice from an office located in a foreign country will not be accepted as qualifying practice <u>unless it is the full-time practice of the law of the United States and/or any of its states and territories</u>. Persons holding a Virginia Corporate Counsel Certificate under Part I of Rule 1A:5 may receive credit as provided in such Rule. Persons holding a Virginia Legal Aid Counsel Certificate under Rule 1A:9 may receive credit as provided in such Rule.