

VIRGINIA:

In the Supreme Court of Virginia held at the Supreme Court Building in the City of Richmond on Friday the 31st day of May, 2019.

It is ordered that the Rules heretofore adopted and promulgated by this Court and now in effect be and they hereby are amended to become effective immediately.

Add Section IV, Paragraph 23 of the Rules for Integration of the Virginia State Bar, Part Six of the Rules of Court to read as follows:

23. Attorney Wellness Fund.

Effective July 1, 2019, the Supreme Court of Virginia hereby authorizes and directs the Virginia State Bar to collect on its behalf up to \$30 each year from its active members as an Attorney Wellness Fund fee. The specific amount of the fee will be directed by the Court.

The Attorney Wellness Fund fee is to be used to fund a judges and lawyers assistance program (JLAP), CLE courses, and other initiatives relating to wellness, behavioral health, and substance abuse. The well-being of lawyers, judges and law students in the Commonwealth of Virginia is integral to professional competence.

Each active member of the Virginia State Bar is required to pay to the Virginia State Bar the Attorney Wellness Fund fee set forth on the dues statement. The fee shall be in addition to each member's annual dues as prescribed in Part 6, Section IV, Paragraph 11 of these rules, and it shall be paid on or before the 31st day of July each fiscal year.

All monies collected under this Paragraph 23 shall be accounted for and paid into the State Treasury of Virginia, and transferred by the VSB to the Supreme Court of Virginia.

Failure to comply with this Rule shall subject the active member to the penalties set forth in Paragraph 19 herein.

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Teste:

Douglas B. Robelen, Clerk

By:



Deputy Clerk