

Friday

7th

January, 2011.

On November 2, 2010 came the Virginia State Bar, by Irving M. Blank, 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 Paragraph 17, Section IV, of the Rules for Integration of the Virginia State Bar, Part Six of the Rules of Court, be amended to read as follows:

**17. Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Rule.**

The Virginia Supreme Court hereby establishes a Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Program in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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*B. Continuing Legal Education Board.*

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(2) Notice of Meetings/Quorum: The board shall meet on reasonable notice by the Chairman, Vice-chair or the Executive Director. Five members shall constitute a quorum and the action of a majority of a quorum shall constitute action of the board; however, new regulations or amendments shall be approved by a majority of the full membership of the board.

(3) Powers: The board shall have those general administrative and supervisory powers necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Rule, including the power to adopt, following the advice and comment of Council, reasonable and necessary regulations consistent

with this Rule. The effective date of any regulations or amendments to the regulations adopted by the board shall be as prescribed by the board, but in no event earlier than one hundred twenty (120) days following such adoption. The Council may reject any regulations or amendments to the regulations adopted by the board on or after July 1, 2010, by a 2/3 vote of those members of Council present and voting. Council's rejection of any regulations or amendments to the regulations shall have the effect of suspending the regulation or amendment until the Supreme Court has reviewed and approved, rejected, or modified the proposed regulation or amendment. The Virginia State Bar shall have the responsibility for funding the board and for enforcing Mandatory Continuing Legal Education requirements.

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Upon consideration whereof, it is ordered that the Rules for Integration of the Virginia State Bar, Part Six, Section IV, of the Rules of Court, be and the same hereby are amended in accordance with the prayer of the petition aforesaid, effective immediately.

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Teste:

Clerk