

VIRGINIA:

In the Supreme Court of Virginia held at the Supreme Court Building in the City of Richmond on Monday the 27th day of February, 2017.

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 May 1, 2017.

Amend Part Five to read as follows:

RULES OF SUPREME COURT OF VIRGINIA PART FIVE THE SUPREME COURT

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Rule 5:26. General Requirements for All Briefs.

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(e) *Copies for Filing.* — An electronic version, in Portable Document Format (PDF), must be filed with the clerk of this Court and served on opposing counsel, unless excused by this Court for good cause shown. An electronic version of a brief amicus curiae shall be filed with the clerk of this Court and served on counsel for all parties and on any other counsel amicus curiae. The electronic version must be filed in the manner prescribed by the VACES Guidelines and User's Manual, using the Virginia Appellate Courts eBriefs System (VACES). The Guidelines are located on the Court's website at <http://www.vacourts.gov/online/vaces/resources/guidelines.pdf>. In addition, 3 printed copies of each brief (including a brief amicus curiae) shall be filed in the office of the clerk of this Court. All briefs shall contain a certificate evidencing the date and method of electronic transmission of the brief to opposing counsel.

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Amend Part Five A to read as follows:

**PART FIVE A
THE COURT OF APPEALS**

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Rule 5A:19. General Requirements for All Briefs.

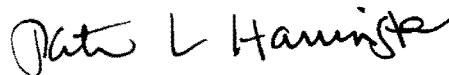
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