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RULES OF SUPREME COURT OF VIRGINIA
PART ONE
RULES APPLICABLE TO ALL PROCEEDINGS

Rule 1:1. Finality of Judgments, Orders and Decrees.

All final judgments, orders, and decrees, irrespective of terms of court, shall remain under the control of the trial court and subject to be modified, vacated, or suspended for twenty-one days after the date of entry, and no longer. But notwithstanding the finality of the judgment, in a criminal case the trial court may postpone execution of the sentence in order to give the accused an opportunity to apply for a writ of error and supersedeas; such postponement, however, shall not extend the time limits hereinafter prescribed for applying for a writ of error. The date of entry of any final judgment, order, or decree shall be the date ~~it the judgment, order, or decree~~ is signed by the judge either on paper or by electronic means in accord with Rule 1:17.

