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

Rule 1:5. Counsel.

When used in these Rules, the word "counsel" includes a partnership, a professional corporation or an association of members of the Virginia State Bar practicing under a firm name.

When such firm name is signed to a pleading, notice or brief, the name of at least one individual member or associate of such firm must be signed to it. Papers filed electronically may be signed electronically or by inclusion of a digital image of the signature, as provided in Rule 1:17. Signatures to briefs and petitions for rehearing may be printed or typed and need not be in handwriting.

Service on one member or associate of such firm shall constitute service on the firm. Service is not required to be made on foreign attorneys.

"Counsel of record" includes a counsel or party who has signed a pleading in the case or who has notified the other parties and the clerk in writing that he appears in the case. Counsel of record shall not withdraw from a case except by leave of court after notice to the client of the time and place of a motion for leave to withdraw.