

MEMORANDUM

To: Litigation Section, Virginia State Bar (c/o W. Bradford Stallard, Chair)
Appellate Practice Section Council,
Virginia Bar Association (c/o Monica Taylor Monday, Chair)
Boyd-Graves Committee on CVA Appellate Jurisdiction (c/o Monica Taylor Monday)
Virginia Indigent Commission (c/o Catherine French Zagurskie,
Chief Appellate Counsel)
Office of Attorney General (c/o Donald Jeffrey, Chief, Criminal Appeals Section)

From: Kent Sinclair, Chair, Advisory Committee on Rules of Court in Virginia
Stuart A. Raphael, Vice-Chair

Date: June 17, 2021

Re: Proposed Rule Changes to Accommodate the Expansion of the Jurisdiction of the Court of Appeals

A drafting committee appointed by the Chief Justice is currently working on proposed changes to the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia to accommodate the expansion of the jurisdiction of the Court of Appeals, effective January 1, 2022, as provided in SB 1261. *See* 2021 Va. Acts ch. 489 (Spec. Sess. 1). The Advisory Committee on Rules of Court will be seeking public input on these proposed rule changes. As you represent appellate stakeholders with a particularly keen interest in these matters, we write separately to invite your comments.

Please send your comments to proposedrules@vacourts.gov, with a copy to Kent Sinclair (ksinclair@vacourts.gov) and Stuart Raphael (sraphael@huntonak.com). We would appreciate your comments at your earliest convenience and by no later than August 10, 2021.

We very much welcome your input.

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