

VIRGINIA:

In the Supreme Court of Virginia held at the Supreme Court Building in the City of Richmond on Wednesday the 15th 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 A to read as follows:

**RULES OF SUPREME COURT OF VIRGINIA
PART FIVE A
THE COURT OF APPEALS**

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Rule 5A:5. Original Proceedings.

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(b) Petition for a Writ of Actual Innocence.

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(2) Form and Contents of Petition. — The petition must be filed using Form 10 in the Appendix of Forms following Part 5A and must include all allegations and documents required by subsections A and B of Code § 19.2-327.11. Under Code § 19.2-327.11(B) “relevant documents” shall include, but not be limited to, any orders of conviction, adjudication of delinquency, and sentencing orders being challenged, any appellate dispositions on direct review or any habeas corpus orders (issued by any federal or state court), and any prior petitions filed under Code § 19.2-327.10 et seq. in the Court of Appeals or under Code § 19.2-327.2 et seq. in the Supreme Court.

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Teste: *Patricia L. Hamister*

Clerk