

**VIRGINIA:**

*In the Supreme Court of Virginia held at the Supreme Court Building in the City of Richmond on Thursday, the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019.*

It is ordered that Section III of the Rules for Integration of the Virginia State Bar, Part Six of the Rules of Court, be amended, to become effective immediately.

Amend Comments on Canon 4 to read as follows:

**SECTION III. CANONS OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT FOR  
THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA.**

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**Canon 4. A Judge May Engage in Extra-Judicial Activities Designed to Improve the Law, the Legal System, and the Administration of Justice, and Shall Conduct Any Such Extra-Judicial Activities in a Manner That Minimizes the Risk of Conflict with Judicial Obligations.**

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**Comment on subdivision E(5)(a).** — Acceptance of an invitation to a law related function is governed by Section 4E(5)(a).

A judge may accept complimentary membership in a bar or law related organization. When accepting an invitation to a bar or law related function, the judge may accept a waiver of registration fees, as well as reimbursement for travel, meals and lodging, as set out in Canon 4I(1)(b). Any such gifts may be subject to reporting requirements as set forth in § 2.2-3114 of the Code of Virginia.

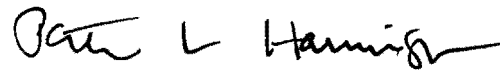
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**Comment on subdivision I.** — The Canons do not prohibit a judge from accepting honoraria or speaking fees provided that the compensation is reasonable and commensurate with the task performed. A judge should ensure, however, that no conflicts are created by the arrangement. A judge must not appear to trade on the judicial position for personal advantage. Nor should a judge spend significant time away from court duties to meet speaking or writing commitments for compensation. In addition, the source of the payment must not raise any question of undue influence or the judge's ability or willingness to be impartial.

*See* Canon 4E(5)(a) regarding acceptance of invitations to attend bar and law related functions. In addition to the expense reimbursement provided for by Canon 4I(1)(b), a judge may also accept complimentary food and lodging, where appropriate to the occasion, provided to the judge and the judge's spouse or guest. Any such gifts may be subject to reporting requirements as set forth in § 2.2-3114 of the Code of Virginia.

A Copy,

Teste:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul L. Harris". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Clerk