

RULES OF SUPREME COURT OF VIRGINIA  
PART FIVE A  
THE COURT OF APPEALS  
A. GENERAL

**Rule 5A:1A. Penalties for Non-compliance; Show Cause; Dismissal.**

(a) Penalties; Show Cause; Dismissal. This Court may dismiss an appeal or impose such other penalty as it deems appropriate for non-compliance with these Rules. Except as provided in Rule 5A:12(c)(1)(i) and (ii) regarding assignments of error, prior to the dismissal of an appeal for any defect in the filings related to formatting, curable failure to comply with other requirements, or the failure to meet non-mandatory filing deadlines, this Court may issue a show cause order to counsel or a party not represented by an attorney, prescribing a time in which to cure such defect or to otherwise show cause why the appeal should not be dismissed or other penalty imposed.

(b) Report to Virginia State Bar. If an attorney's failure to comply with these Rules results in the dismissal of an appeal, this Court may report the attorney to the Virginia State Bar in accordance with Rule 8.3 of the Virginia Rules of Professional Conduct.

**Promulgated by Order dated Friday, May 16, 2014; effective immediately.**