

## VIRGINIA:

*In the Supreme Court of Virginia held at the Supreme Court Building in the  
City of Richmond on* Friday *the* 31st *day of* October, 2014.

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 immediately.

Add Part Nine to read as follows:

### **PART NINE**

#### **JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION PROGRAM**

##### **Rule 9:1. Purpose and Operation.**

As provided by § 17.1-100 of the Code of Virginia, the Supreme Court of Virginia hereby establishes a judicial performance evaluation program that will provide both a self-improvement mechanism for judges and a source of information for the reelection process. The Program shall be maintained by the Office of the Executive Secretary who may engage a third party contractor to conduct surveys and prepare evaluations.

##### **Rule 9:2. Confidentiality.**

All surveys, responses, evaluations, and other records created or maintained by or on behalf of the judicial performance evaluation program related to an evaluation of any individual justice or judge are confidential and may only be shared with the subject judge, or a facilitator judge assigned by the program to assist with the evaluation, and shall not be disclosed to any third party; except that any report provided to the General Assembly

pursuant to this section shall be a public record that is open to inspection as provided in § 17.1-100.

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Teste:

*John L. Hamiston*

Clerk