
Notice of Rule Change

At its meeting on December 6, 2000, the Standing Committee on Budget and Finance voted unanimously to recommend a change in the bar's present practice of charging no dues to admittees by examination for the fiscal year in which they are admitted. Persons who are admitted during the late spring each year on the basis of passing the bar examination would continue to pay no dues for the brief remaining portion of the fiscal year ending on June 30.

Persons admitted prior to April 1 each year on the basis of passing the bar examination, however, would begin paying half dues at the time they are admitted under the committee's proposal, effective in fiscal year 2001-2002.

Implementation of this proposal will require amendment of Part Six, Section IV, Paragraph 11 of the Rules of the Virginia Supreme Court. The proposed amendment is published below for comment. The proposed rule change will be presented to the Virginia State Bar Council at its next regular meeting on February 23-24, 2001, in Richmond.

Comments should be directed to Thomas A. Edmonds, Executive Director, Virginia State Bar, 707 East Main Street, Suite 1500, Richmond, Virginia 23219-2800.

11. DUES.—Effective July 1, 2000, each active member shall pay to the Treasurer of the Virginia State Bar, annual dues of \$250, and associate members shall pay annual dues of \$125, on or before the 31st day of July of each fiscal year, ~~provided that persons licensed for the first time in Virginia by examination during any fiscal year shall not be liable for dues during that year, and~~ provided that ~~active members~~ persons admitted to practice by examination or under Rules 1A:1 ~~and 1A:2~~ of the Supreme Court of Virginia shall not be liable for dues in the year of admission if admitted during the last three months of any fiscal year. Persons admitted to practice under Rule 1A:1 at any other point during any fiscal year shall pay the full amount of dues as specified above at the time they register with the Virginia State Bar. Persons admitted to practice by examination at any other point during any fiscal year shall pay one-half the amount of

dues as specified above at the time they register with the Virginia State Bar.

No increase in the annual dues will be authorized by the Court whenever the total combined cash balances of the State Bar Fund and the Virginia State Bar's Administration and Finance Account shall exceed fifteen (15) percent of the total annual operating expenditures of the Virginia State Bar for the year preceding the year in which the dues increase is sought.

All monies collected hereunder shall be accounted for and paid into the State Treasury of Virginia.

Failure to comply with this Rule shall subject the member to penalties set forth in Paragraph 19 herein.