



MULTIJURISDICTIONAL PRACTICE TASK FORCE

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In August 2004 the Virginia State Bar formed a Multijurisdictional Practice Task Force for the purpose of developing new rules and revising existing rules to better accommodate limited practice in Virginia by lawyers licensed only in other U.S. jurisdictions or in foreign countries.

The task force has produced four proposed rules as part of this effort: the Foreign Legal Consultant Rule, a revised *Pro Hac Vice* Rule, and revised Rules of Professional Conduct 5.5 and 8.5. These proposed rules have been submitted to the Supreme Court of Virginia, where they are all currently pending the Court's consideration. There is no further action to be taken by the task force until such time as the Court requests additional information or approves the proposed rule amendments.

The status of the proposed rules is as follows:

The **Foreign Legal Consultant Rule** was approved by the VSB Council at its meeting in February 2005. The rule was submitted on March 10, 2005, to the Supreme Court where it is currently pending.

The ***Pro Hac Vice* Rule** was approved by the council at its meeting in October 2005. The council amended paragraph 3(a) to allow the fee for *pro hac vice* appearance to be waived in any case in which counsel is representing the client pro bono. The rule was submitted on November 10, 2006, to the Supreme Court where it is currently pending.

Rules 5.5 and 8.5 were approved by the council at its meeting in March 2006. The rules were submitted on April 3, 2006, to the Supreme Court where they are currently pending.

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