

**FOR ACTIVE MEMBERS ONLY**

The professional liability insurance certification form below is required for all active members of the Virginia State Bar (see Paragraph 18 below). New attorneys to the Virginia State Bar should complete and sign this form, and return it to the Virginia State Bar Membership Department with the official registration form. If you have questions concerning this certification, or your membership in the Virginia State Bar, please contact the Membership Department at (804) 775-0530.

**PART 6, SECTION IV, RULES OF VIRGINIA SUPREME COURT  
PARAGRAPH 18  
Financial Responsibility**

In order to make available to the public information about the financial responsibility of each active member of the Virginia State Bar for professional liability claims, each such member shall, upon admission to the Bar, and with each application for renewal thereof, submit the certification required herein or obtain a waiver for good cause shown. The active member shall certify to the Bar on or before July 31 of each year: a) whether or not such member is currently covered by professional liability insurance, other than an extended reporting endorsement; b) whether or not such member is engaged in the private practice of law involving representation of clients drawn from the public, and, if so, whether the member intends to maintain professional liability insurance coverage during the period of time the member remains engaged in the private practice of law; and c) the date, amount, and court where rendered, of any unsatisfied final judgment(s) against such member, or any firm or professional corporation in which he or she has practiced, for acts, errors, or omissions (including, but not limited to, acts of dishonesty, fraud, or intentional wrongdoing) arising out of the performance of legal services by such member.

The foregoing shall be certified by each active member of the Virginia State Bar in such form as may be prescribed by the Virginia State Bar and shall be made available to the public by such means as may be designated by the Virginia State Bar.

Each active member who certifies to the Bar that such member is covered by professional liability insurance shall notify the Bar in writing within thirty (30) days if the insurance policy providing coverage lapses, is no longer in effect or terminates for any reason, unless the policy is replaced with another policy and no lapse in coverage occurs.

Failure to comply with this Rule shall subject the active member to the penalties set forth in Paragraph 19 herein. An untruthful certification or unjustified failure to notify the Bar of a lapse or termination of coverage shall subject the member to appropriate disciplinary action.

"Good cause shown" as used herein shall include illness, absence from the Commonwealth of Virginia, or such cause as may be determined by the Executive Committee of the Virginia State Bar whose determination shall be final. Any determination by the Executive Committee may be reviewed by the Supreme Court upon request of the member seeking a waiver.

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<b>MANDATORY CERTIFICATION REGARDING PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE -- All <u>ACTIVE</u> members (including new attorneys selecting active status) are required to complete this form.</b> Pursuant to Supreme Court Rules Part 6, Section IV, Paragraphs 18 and 19, you <b>MUST ANSWER</b> the following questions, <b>SIGN</b> the certification and return it with your Membership Dues <b>to remain in good standing.</b>	
1.	Are there any unsatisfied legal malpractice judgments against you or any professional entity arising from your performance of legal services? (If you answer yes to this question, you must list them on the reverse side of this form.) <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span>
2.	Are you engaged in the private practice of law representing clients drawn from the public? ----If your answer to question 2 is YES then answer question 2(a); if not, continue to question 3. <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span>
	2(a). Do you intend to maintain professional liability insurance coverage during the time you remain in private practice? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span>
3.	Are you currently covered by professional liability insurance, other than an extended reporting endorsement? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</span>
I certify that the information above is true and correct; and, if I have certified that I am currently covered by a professional liability insurance policy, I understand that the Supreme Court Rule requires me to notify the Virginia State Bar in writing within 30 days if my coverage lapses or terminates.	
Name (Please print): _____ Signature ( <b>Required</b> ) _____	