

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

At the Supreme Court of Appeals continued and held at Charleston, Kanawha County, on July 15, 2021, the following order was made and entered **in vacation**:

RE: Adoption of Amendments to Rule 7.0.(c) of the Rules for Admission to the Practice of Law in West Virginia, No. 21-Rules-10

On a former day, May 17, 2021, the Court published for comment proposed amendments to **Rule 7.0.(c) of the Rules for Admission to the Practice of Law in West Virginia**. The proposed amendments adopt a civility pledge. The Court has jurisdiction under Article VIII, §§ 1 and 3 of the West Virginia Constitution.

Comments were filed by the Board of Law Examiners, in support of the proposed amendment, and by Kevin Duffy and Tonya Hatfield, suggesting changes to the amendments as published. The Court thanks those who took time to file comments.

Upon consideration and review of the proposed amendments, together with the comments filed, the Court is of the opinion to and does adopt the following rule amendments, effective immediately. The proposed additions to the Rules are indicated by underscoring to read as follows:

Rules for Admission to the Practice of Law in West Virginia

Rule 7.0. Admission Procedure.


(c) Oath of attorney. Upon being admitted to the practice of law in the State of West Virginia, each applicant shall take and subscribe to the following oath or affirmation:

“I do solemnly swear or affirm that: I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of West Virginia; that I will honestly demean myself in the practice of law; that I will conduct myself with integrity,

dignity and civility and show respect toward judges, court staff, clients, fellow professional and all other persons; and, to the best of ability, execute my office of attorney-at-law; so help me God."

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