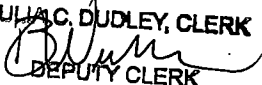


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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

JULIA C. DUDLEY, CLERK
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IN RE: AMENDMENT TO RULE IV - STANDARDS FOR PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT OF
FEDERAL RULES OF DISCIPLINARY ENFORCEMENT

ORDER

Rule 6(h) of Title I of the Local Rules of the United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia concerning Attorney Discipline makes reference to the Western District's Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement, effective November 4, 1992 and amended November 6, 1998.

Rule IV of the Western District's Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement concerns Standards for Professional Conduct. As amended, that rule makes reference to the Code of Professional Responsibility adopted by the Virginia Supreme Court, which was replaced by the Virginia Rules of Professional Conduct in 2000.

Rule IV concerning Standards for Professional Conduct is amended to remove the reference to the Code of Professional Responsibility in favor of the Virginia Rules of Professional Conduct, as follows:

(B) Acts or omissions by an attorney admitted to practice before this Court, individually or in concert with another person or persons, which violate the disciplinary rules adopted by this Court shall constitute misconduct and be grounds for discipline, whether or not the act or omissions occurred in the course of an attorney-client relationship. The Rules of Professional Conduct adopted by the Virginia Supreme Court, as amended from time to time by that Court and to the extent not in conflict with federal law, shall be the disciplinary rules of this Court, except as otherwise provided by specific Rule of the Court after specific consideration of comments by representatives of bar associations within the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Consistent therewith, paragraph (1) of the Standing Order entered on November 6, 1998 is VACATED. In all other respects, the Standing Order of November 6, 1998 remains effective.

It is so ORDERED.

ENTER: This 16th day of June, 2016



Glen E. Conrad
Chief United States District Judge