

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

At a Regular Term of the Supreme Court of Appeals, continued and held at Charleston, Kanawha County, on May 17, 2021, the following order was made and entered:

RE: Provisional Adoption of and Request for Public Comment on Proposed Amendment to Rule 7.0.(c) of the Rules for Admission to the Practice of Law in West Virginia, No. 21-Rules-10

On this day, the Court, on its own motion, proceeded to consider an amendment to Rule 7.0.(c) of the Rules for Admission to the Practice of Law in West Virginia. The proposed amendment adopts a civility pledge.

The Court has jurisdiction under Article VIII, §§ 1 and 3 of the West Virginia Constitution. The Court is of the opinion that the rule amendment should be provisionally adopted, subject to being published for a thirty-day period of public comment. Comments must be filed in writing with the Clerk of Court on or before **June 16, 2021**.

The proposed addition to the Rule is indicated by underscoring to read as follows:

RULES FOR ADMISSION TO THE PRACTICE OF LAW

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 professionals and all other persons; and, to the best of my ability, execute my office of attorney-at-law; so help me God.”

ENTERED: May 17, 2021




EVAN H. JENKINS
Chief Justice

Attest:


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Clerk of Court