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TO: Members of the Vermont Bar

FROM: Patricia Gabel, Esq., State Court Administrator

RE: Proposed Rule Amendment, and Miscellaneous Information

DATE: April 9, 2019

For your information, please find the following information:

- [*Proposed Order Abrogating Administrative Order No. 10 and Promulgating the Vermont Code of Judicial Conduct 2019*](#)
- *Updated Court Forms*
- *Obligations Under A.O. 41*
- *eCabinet Registration*

I. PROPOSED RULE AMENDMENTS

(NOTE: THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS HAVE BEEN PROPOSED AND HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED BY THE SUPREME COURT.)

- a. [*Proposed Order Abrogating Administrative Order No. 10 and Promulgating the Vermont Code of Judicial Conduct 2019*](#)

The proposed Vermont Code of Judicial Conduct 2019 (hereinafter Vermont Code 2019) replaces and significantly changes the Vermont Code of Judicial Conduct promulgated by the Vermont Supreme Court in 1994 as Administrative Order No. 10 and subsequently amended (hereinafter Vermont Code 1994).

Proposed Vermont Code 2019 adopts the format and substantive provisions of ABA Code 2007, with necessary or appropriate Vermont variations. The purpose is to assure that Vermont judges will continue to be governed by principles of conduct that are substantially uniform with those applicable in other jurisdictions. While much of the substance of the former Code remains in effect, the revisions also clarify and expand many provisions in light of problems in application or changing conditions.

Comments on these proposed amendments should be sent by **June 10, 2019**, to Allan Keyes, Chair of the Civil Rules Advisory Committee, at the following address:

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II. MISCELLANEOUS

a. Court Forms

Court forms are constantly being updated. Please refer to the judiciary website for the most up-to-date forms. <https://www.vermontjudiciary.org/court-forms>

b. Obligation under A.O. 41

Attorneys are reminded that an “attorney must report to the State Court Administrator within thirty days any change of the office mailing or electronic mail address” and that “[n]otice sent to a reported address is sufficient even if not received by the attorney because of failure to report the proper address or failure of delivery not caused by the court.” A.O. 41, § 4(c); see A.O. 44, § 1.

Please email those changes to JUD.AttyLicensing@vermont.gov. Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

To ensure you continue to receive these emails, please add JUD.AttyLicensing@vermont.gov to your Safe Senders list.

c. eCabinet Registration

Administrative Order No. 44 requires attorneys in active status to register up to three email addresses in **eCabinet** for purposes of receiving notices of hearing and other documents. *You may include staff email addresses in the three email addresses that you specify. eCabinet registration is required whether you practice in court or not.*

If you have already registered in **eCabinet**, the email address(es) you provided as part of that process will be used.

If you have not already registered in **eCabinet**, please go to <https://efiling.eservices.crt.state.vt.us/>, click **Register Now**, and follow the simple prompts. Attorneys will need their attorney license numbers to register. Helpful information about the Attorney Email Registration process is also available on the *Electronic Filing* page of the judiciary website at <https://www.vermontjudiciary.org/about-vermont-judiciary/electronic-access/electronic-filing>. Please contact jud.helpdesk@vermont.gov or call the Helpdesk at 802-828-4357 with any questions in the meantime.

You are also reminded that you are required to update the email address(es) and other contact information you have registered as soon as there are any changes, including changes to staff email addresses you may have included with your registration. To revise the information, please go to <https://efiling.eservices.crt.state.vt.us/>, log into **eCabinet**, click “**Account**,” choose “**My Profile**,” and make the necessary changes to your contact information.

Notification to JUD.AttyLicensing@vermont.gov or in **eCabinet** of a change to your contact information does not automatically notify the other. It is your responsibility to notify both. If you are a member of the Vermont Bar Association, you will also need to separately notify the VBA.