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RE: COURTHOUSE SECURITY AND CREDENTIALING OF COUNSEL

To all Association membership and their respective Boards,

Please be advised that in accordance with an ongoing Order of the Norfolk Circuit Court as well as recent events, the Norfolk Sheriff's Office will be verifying the credentials of ALL persons entering the Consolidated Courthouse. We understand that veteran counsel may be asked to present specific VSB identification or other vetting documentation, including other forms of identification, but consistency is important to security and we regret any inconvenience. To minimize inconvenience separate screening may be available for counsel to expedite entry.

We are aware through research that the durable style VSB Bar cards have not been issued since either 2015 or 2017. The current VSB President has requested, upon information and belief, a new form of ID that may come on line in the future after a cost analysis. In the interim, payment of a \$15 fee will cause the issuance of a new ID. Certificates of Good Standing may also be obtained through the Supreme Court. Commonwealth's Attorneys, Public Defenders and support staff can present City issued ID and they have also provided a list of current employees. This alert is designed primarily for entering private counsel and any support staff.

Please alert your membership to this security protocol. Thanking you for your cooperation and assistance, I remain,

Very Truly Yours

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