

WHAT'S NEW IN THE 2025-2026 EDITION

The last several years have brought many changes in Virginia criminal law and procedure, and we've been busy too, updating forms to make the practice of criminal law easier. We are pleased to offer the 2025-2026 edition of Virginia Criminal Procedure Forms, which we hope you will find useful.

This year's edition contains three revised forms to reflect 2025's legislative changes:

Form 19:25—Expungement Order, is an official Commonwealth of Virginia form, reflecting the latest edition of Virginia's official expungement order

Form 19:26—Petition to Seal Records, is a response to the 2025 amendments to Virginia's intricate statutory scheme for sealing records, drafted to reflect requirements that go into effect in 2026.

Form 21:27—Petition for a Writ of Vacatur for Victims of Human Trafficking, is another official Commonwealth of Virginia form, reflecting the latest amendments to Virginia's vacatur statute based on human trafficking, which now recognizes forced labor as well as sex trafficking.

Each year, Virginia's criminal law and procedure changes in important ways, and our aim is to help you get up to speed in the most efficient way possible.

Happy Trials,
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