

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1996 SESSION

CHAPTER 399

An Act to amend and reenact § 54.1-3908 of the Code of Virginia, relating to liability for complaint against a lawyer.

[H 623]

Approved March 31, 1996

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 54.1-3908 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 54.1-3908. Liability for words used in proceedings concerning conduct.

No ~~attorney person; law corporation or limited liability company~~ shall be held liable in any civil action for words written or spoken in any *complaint regarding*, proceeding concerning, or investigation of, the professional conduct of any member of the ~~bar of Virginia State Bar, before any bar association or committee thereof~~, unless it is proved by the plaintiff that the words were false, used with actual malice and used without any reasonable or probable cause *unless it is shown that such statements were false and were made willfully and maliciously.*