

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SUPREME COURT
RULES FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE BAR OF OHIO**

Comments Requested: The Supreme Court of Ohio will accept public comments until July 13, 2026, on the following proposed amendments to the Supreme Court Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio.

Comments on the proposed amendments should be submitted in writing to: Zach Holscher, Supreme Court of Ohio, 65 South Front Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, or RuleAmendments@sc.ohio.gov not later than July 13, 2026. Please include your full name and mailing address in any comments submitted by email.

Key to Adopted Amendments:

1. Unaltered language appears in regular type. Example: text
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1 SUPREME COURT RULES FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE BAR OF OHIO

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3 [Existing language unaffected by the amendments is omitted to conserve space]

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5 RULE VII. UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE OF LAW

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7 [Existing language unaffected by the amendments is omitted to conserve space]

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9 Section 31. Definitions.

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11 As used in this rule:

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13 (A) “Complaint” means a formal written allegation of the unauthorized practice of law
14 by a person designated as the respondent filed with the Board by a person designated as
15 the relator.

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19 (J)(1) “Unauthorized practice of law” means:

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21 (a) The rendering of legal services for another by any person not admitted to
22 practice in Ohio under Rule I of the Supreme Court Rules for the Government of
23 the Bar unless the person is:

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25 (i) Certified as a legal intern under Gov. Bar R. II and rendering legal
26 services in compliance with that rule;

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30 (vi) Rendering legal services in accordance with Rule 5.5 of the Ohio
31 Rules of Professional Conduct (titled “Unauthorized Practice of Law;
32 Multijurisdictional Practice of Law”);

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34 (vii) Rendering services to a property owner or tenant in connection with
35 a property tax valuation complaint at the County Board of Revision under
36 section 5715.19 of the Revised Code, provided that the person rendering
37 such services: holds a designation from a professional assessment
38 organization such as the Institute for Professionals in Taxation, the National
39 Council of Property Taxation, or the International Association of Assessing
40 Officers; or is a public accountant who holds a permit under section 4701.10
41 of the Revised Code; or is a general or real estate appraiser licensed or
42 certified under Chapter 4763 of the Revised Code; or is a real estate broker
43 licensed under Chapter 4735 of the Revised Code.

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