

The Supreme Court of Ohio

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

October 16, 2026

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CONTINUING-LEGAL-EDUCATION MATTERS

Gov.Bar R. X and Gov.Jud. R. IV require all attorneys, acting judges, magistrates, and judges admitted to the practice of law in Ohio and each attorney registered for corporate status pursuant to Gov.Bar R. VI to complete the designated minimum hours of continuing legal education for each two-year compliance period. Gov.Bar R. X(4) and Gov.Jud. R. IV(6) require attorneys, acting judges, magistrates, and judges whose last name begins with a letter from A through L to complete the CLE requirements on or before December 31 of each odd-numbered year.

Gov.Bar R. X(18)(A) provides that an attorney, acting judge, magistrate, or judge who fails to comply timely with the applicable requirements of Gov.Bar R. X or Gov.Jud. R. IV but does so within 90 days of the December 31 deadline shall be assessed a late fee in accordance with CLE Reg. 503.

Gov.Bar R. X(18)(A)(2) provides that an attorney, acting judge, magistrate, or judge who fails to comply with the applicable requirements of Gov.Bar R. X or Gov.Jud. R. IV shall be notified of noncompliance by the commission and that unless the attorney, acting judge, magistrate, or judge comes into compliance or files evidence of compliance that is satisfactory to the commission on or before the date set forth in the notice, the commission shall issue an order imposing a sanction authorized by Gov.Bar R. X(17) and consistent with CLE Reg. 503.

On October 16, 2026, the Commission on Continuing Legal Education sanctioned 83 attorneys for noncompliance with the provisions of Gov.Bar R. X and Gov.Jud. R. IV.

The following attorneys were issued a monetary sanction for not completing the education hours required by Gov.Bar R. X(3) and not filing evidence of compliance or coming into compliance as required by Gov.Bar R. X(18). The sanction amount displayed in the last column is based on the hour deficiency.

Name	Attorney Number	County	State	Amount
William Andrew Groth	0038310	Butler	OH	\$150.00
James Marvin Calhoun II	0090173	Butler	OH	\$300.00
Kelley E. Broadwater	0084939	Carroll	OH	\$150.00
Christopher Henry Hurlburt	0072599	Clermont	OH	\$150.00
Nathan John Hudak	0081666	Cuyahoga	OH	\$150.00
Issa Mohamad Elkhatib	0097662	Cuyahoga	OH	\$300.00
Noah Matthew Bill	0096627	Cuyahoga	OH	\$150.00
Barry Timothy Doyle	0042865	Cuyahoga	OH	\$150.00
Lawrence Richard Floyd	0051983	Cuyahoga	OH	\$150.00
Paul Anthony Kuzmins	0074475	Cuyahoga	OH	\$75.00
Rebecca J. Bennett	0069566	Cuyahoga	OH	\$75.00
Jesse William Canonico	0076648	Cuyahoga	OH	\$300.00
Catherine Michelle Brown	0066911	Delaware	OH	\$225.00
Cory David Hoffman	0088771	Delaware	OH	\$225.00
Adriann Sara McGee	0085731	Franklin	OH	\$75.00
Andrew Myron Kauffman	0017183	Franklin	OH	\$150.00
Michael Scott Kellar	0102118	Franklin	OH	\$150.00
Charles William Klausman IV	0063388	Franklin	OH	\$225.00
Lauren Augostini Stenger	0097764	Franklin	OH	\$300.00
Jane Higgins Marx	0072407	Franklin	OH	\$150.00
Blaise Gerard Baker	0031580	Franklin	OH	\$300.00
Kristen Joyce Brown	0047634	Franklin	OH	\$75.00
Richard Rings Hollington Jr.	0030781	Geauga	OH	\$300.00
Gina Marie Ciani	0076981	Geauga	OH	\$75.00
Daniel Richard Green	0091102	Greene	OH	\$300.00
Kaler Douglas Hazen	0100456	Hamilton	OH	\$150.00
Kari Koenig Walter	0065376	Hamilton	OH	\$75.00
Harnaik Singh Kahlon	0103893	Hamilton	OH	\$300.00
Robert Benjamin Acciani	0096025	Hamilton	OH	\$225.00
Eric Scott Beutel	0105392	Hamilton	OH	\$150.00
John Joseph Kropp	0018158	Hamilton	OH	\$300.00
Garron Rey Fischmann	0067790	Hardin	OH	\$75.00
James Robert Havens	0012121	Licking	OH	\$150.00
Robert Joseph Bahret	0014985	Lucas	OH	\$150.00
Jeffrey Ryan Davis	0064009	Mahoning	OH	\$300.00
Lyle Ray Jones	0011508	Medina	OH	\$75.00
Todd Evan Bryant	0072738	Miami	OH	\$150.00
Bradley Wayne Evers	0030999	Montgomery	OH	\$300.00
Linda Marcia Brotkin	0007874	Montgomery	OH	\$300.00
Charles Davis Lowe	0033209	Montgomery	OH	\$225.00
Gina Rose Grandillo	0099609	Seneca	OH	\$225.00
Julie Sue Mills	0069789	Stark	OH	\$300.00
Kristin Taylor Davis	0102552	Trumbull	OH	\$75.00

Brad Edward Haller	0072180	Warren	OH	\$300.00
Aaron James Cook	0092969	Williams	OH	\$75.00
Robert Michael Anspach	0017263	Wood	OH	\$300.00
Bruce Roy Lowry	0010490		AZ	\$225.00
Laura Noel Jasinsky	0091324		CT	\$75.00
Michael Douglas Emancipator	0085826		DC	\$300.00
Guillermo Andres Gascue	0102921		FL	\$75.00
Michael Alan Holcomb	0098308		GA	\$75.00
Katherine A Gruner	0090984		GA	\$150.00
Barry Eugene Chase	0073522		KS	\$150.00
Edmund John Benson	0096180		KY	\$300.00
Kathleen Connellan King	0032257		KY	\$75.00
Mark Warren Bailey Jr	0097302		KY	\$150.00
Hilary Law Richardson	0098134		KY	\$75.00
Anita B. Folino	0029351		MI	\$225.00
David Edmer Lacasse	0084077		MI	\$150.00
William Scott Leckie	0071310		MN	\$75.00
Christopher Michael Comiskey	0090297		NC	\$300.00
James Gerard Connolly	0058694		PA	\$225.00
Timothy Joseph Chiappetta	0086096		PA	\$300.00
Robert E. Dapper Jr.	0091827		PA	\$225.00
Carole Ann Lohr	0072032		TN	\$150.00
Lynn Alazem	0093956		TX	\$300.00
Ryan Lee Alford	0091792		TX	\$300.00
Joel Kim Dayton	0015804		UT	\$300.00
Robert David Labes	0040903		VA	\$150.00
Derek Allen Auito	0077129		VA	\$300.00
Russell Wayne Gerney	0080186		WV	\$75.00

On October 16, 2026, the Commission on Continuing Legal Education issued orders imposing monetary sanctions and suspending 11 attorneys for noncompliance with the provisions of Gov.Bar R. X.

The following attorneys were sanctioned and suspended for not completing the education hours required by Gov.Bar R. X(3) and not filing evidence of compliance or coming into compliance as required by Gov.Bar R. X(18). The attorneys were also out of compliance with Gov.Bar R. X for the previous 2020-2021 and 2022-2023 compliance periods. The sanction amount as displayed in the last column is based on the hour deficiency.

Name	Attorney Number	County	State	Amount
Anthony James Baker	0079023	Brown	OH	\$300.00
Thomas David Corrigan	0022810	Cuyahoga	OH	\$300.00
Patrick Terrence Gaffney	0051854	Cuyahoga	OH	\$150.00
Aaron David Trant Laflin	0092239	Franklin	OH	\$300.00

Alvertis Walter Bishop Jr.	0025391	Hamilton	OH	\$225.00
Michael Byron Bowler	0013026	Summit	OH	\$150.00
Davi Leitao Kruger	0088615		GA	\$225.00
Gregory Joseph Berberich	0043651		KY	\$150.00
Rodney Lee Drinnon	0066935		TX	\$300.00

The following attorneys were sanctioned and suspended for not completing the requisite hours required by Gov.Bar R. X(3) and not filing evidence of compliance or coming into compliance as required by Gov.Bar R. X(18). The attorneys also have not paid the prior commission-ordered sanctions issued for noncompliance in the 2022-2023 compliance period. The sanction amount as displayed in the last column is based on the hour deficiency.

Name	Attorney Number	County	State	Amount
Daniel Peter Carmichael	0010087		IN	\$300.00
Matthew Joseph Kleemann	0077303		IN	\$225.00

The following attorney was suspended from the practice of law for not completing the new-lawyers-training requirement as required by Gov.Bar R. X(9)(A) and (14)(A) and not filing evidence of compliance or coming into compliance as required by Gov.Bar R. X(18).

Name	Attorney Number	County	State
Alexandra Rebecca Lipman	0103094	Cuyahoga	OH