

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

The following amendments to the Supreme Court Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio (Gov. Bar R. VI, Sections 2 through 6, 8, 10, and 15) were adopted by the Supreme Court of Ohio. The history of these amendments is as follows:

February 9, 2023	Final adoption by conference
July 1, 2023	Effective date of amendments

Key to Adopted Amendments:

1. Unaltered language appears in regular type. Example: text
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3. New language that has been added appears in underline. Example: text

# SUPREME COURT RULES FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE BAR OF OHIO

## RULE VI. REGISTRATION OF ATTORNEYS

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### Section 2. Active Attorney Registration.

#### (A) Registration fee

Except as provided in Section 3 of this rule, each attorney admitted to the practice of law in Ohio shall register with the Office of Attorney Services of the Supreme Court on or before the first day of September in each odd-numbered year by ~~filing a certificate of~~ completing the registration furnished process established by the office and, except as provided in Section 8(J) of this rule, paying a registration fee of ~~three~~. Beginning with the 2023 to 2025 registration biennium, the registration fee shall be four hundred dollars. Beginning with the 2025 to 2027 registration biennium and in each subsequent biennium, the registration fee shall be four hundred fifty dollars. An attorney who registers and pays the fee shall be granted active status.

#### (B) Civil legal aid services fee

The ~~certificate of~~ registration process shall provide for a voluntary fee of ~~\$50~~ fifty dollars for deposit into the Attorney Services Fund and use to fund civil legal aid services for low-income or disadvantaged populations in Ohio.

### Section 3. Newly-Admitted Attorney Registration.

#### (A) Admittance during first twelve months of registration period

Each attorney admitted to the practice of law in Ohio during the first twelve months of a biennial registration period shall register with the Office of Attorney Services on or before the thirtieth day from the date of admission by ~~filing a certificate of~~ completing the registration furnished process established by the office and, if registering for active status, paying a the registration fee of ~~three hundred fifty dollars~~ as provided in Section 2(A) of this rule.

#### (B) Admittance during second twelve months of registration period

Each attorney admitted to the practice of law in Ohio during the second twelve months of a biennial registration period, but prior to the first day of May of an odd-numbered year, shall register with the Office of Attorney Services on or before the thirtieth day from the date of admission by ~~filing a certificate of~~ completing the registration furnished process established by the office and, if registering for active status, paying a registration fee of ~~one~~. Beginning with the 2023 to 2025 registration biennium, the registration fee shall be

two hundred ~~seventy-five~~ dollars. Beginning with the 2025 to 2027 registration biennium and in each subsequent biennium, the registration fee shall be two hundred twenty-five dollars.

**(C) Admittance on or after first day of May of odd-numbered year**

Each attorney admitted to the practice of law in Ohio on or after the first day of May of an odd-numbered year shall register with the Office of Attorney Services on or before the thirtieth day from the date of admission by ~~filing a certificate of~~ completing the registration furnished process established by the office, but shall not be required to pay a registration fee.

**Section 4. Obligations of Attorney.**

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**(B) Contact information; email service address**

(1) Each attorney admitted to the practice of law in Ohio or registered for corporate status shall provide the Office of Attorney Services with the attorney's current residence address, office address, office telephone number, office or residence email address, and email service address and shall notify the office of any change in the registration information recorded on the certificate of registration provided pursuant to Section 2 or 3 of this rule.

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**(D) Interest-bearing trust account information**

(1) For the purpose of compiling information regarding interest-bearing trust accounts established pursuant to R.C. 3953.231 or 4705.09, each attorney shall provide the following information ~~on the certificate of registration filed~~ when registering with the Office of Attorney Services pursuant to Section 2 or 3 of this rule:

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**Section 5. Inactive Attorney Registration.**

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**(C) Obligation to provide and update contact information**

An inactive attorney is not required to ~~file a biennial certificate of registration~~ register biennially pursuant to Section 2 of this rule, but shall keep the Office of Attorney Services apprised of the attorney's current residence address, office address, office telephone number, and office or residence e-mail address, and shall notify the office of any change

in the information provided on the most recent ~~certificate of registration filed~~ completed by the attorney pursuant to Section 2 or 3 of this rule.

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## **Section 6. Corporate Counsel Attorney Registration.**

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### **(C) Registration application**

An attorney who is required to register for corporate counsel status registration pursuant to division (B)(1) of this section shall file all of the following with the Office of Attorney Services:

- (1) An application on a form provided by the office;
- (2) A non-refundable application fee of ~~\$500~~ five hundred dollars;
- (3) The ~~certificate of registration~~ required for attorneys pursuant to this rule for the current biennium and each biennia during which the applicant is employed by a qualified employer;

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### **(J) Obligation to provide and update contact information**

An attorney registered for corporate counsel status under this section shall provide the Office of Attorney Services with the attorney's current residence address, office address, office telephone number, and office or residence e-mail address and shall notify the office of any change in the information ~~recorded on~~ provided through the ~~certificate of registration completed by the attorney~~ pursuant to division (C) of this section.

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## **Section 8. Emeritus Pro Bono Attorney Registration.**

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### **(G) Biennial registration**

An emeritus pro bono attorney shall register with the Office of Attorney Services on or before the first day of September in each odd-numbered year by ~~filing a certificate of~~ completing the registration furnished process established by the office and paying a registration fee of seventy-five dollars.

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**(J) Active attorney registration fee**

An emeritus pro bono attorney who requests and is granted reinstatement of active status pursuant to Section 2 of this rule during a biennial registration period shall pay a registration fee ~~of two~~. Beginning with the 2023 to 2025 registration biennium, the registration fee shall be three hundred and seventy twenty five dollars. Beginning with the 2025 to 2027 registration biennium and in each subsequent biennium, the registration fee shall be three hundred and seventy-five dollars.

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**Section 10. Failure to Register; Late Registration Fee; Summary Suspension; Reinstatement.**

**(A) Late fee**

An attorney who fails to ~~file a certificate of registration~~ register and pay a fee as required by this rule on or before the date on which it becomes due, but does so within sixty days of that date, shall be assessed a late registration fee of ~~forty~~ one hundred dollars. The late registration fee shall be in addition to the applicable registration fee.

**(B) Suspension from the practice of law**

An attorney who fails to ~~file a certificate of registration~~ register and pay the fees required by this rule either on a timely basis or within the late registration period provided for in division (A) of this section shall be notified of apparent noncompliance by the Office of Attorney Services. The office shall send the notice of apparent noncompliance by regular mail to the attorney at the most recent address provided by the attorney to the office. The notice shall inform the attorney that the attorney will be summarily suspended from the practice of law in Ohio and not entitled to practice law in Ohio unless, on or before the date and in the manner set forth in the notice, the attorney either files evidence of compliance with the requirements of this rule or comes into compliance. If the attorney does not file evidence of compliance or come into compliance on or before the date set forth in the notice, the attorney shall be summarily suspended from the practice of law in Ohio. The office shall record the suspension on the roll of attorneys and send notice of the suspension by certified mail to the attorney at the most recent address provided by the attorney to the office. The Supreme Court Reporter shall publish notice of the suspension in the *Ohio Official Reports* and the *Ohio State Bar Association Report*.

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**Section 15. Certificates of Good Standing.**

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**(B) Request for certificate**

Any person may request the Office of Attorney Services issue either a standard certificate of good standing or a certificate of good standing with disciplinary information for an attorney who is admitted to the practice of law in Ohio by submitting to the office ~~both~~ of the following:

- (1) A request on a form provided by the office;
- (2) A nonrefundable fee of ~~ten~~ twenty dollars for a request for a standard certificate of good standing or ~~twenty-five~~ thirty-five dollars for a request for a certificate of good standing with disciplinary information;
- (3) A nonrefundable fee of fifty dollars for a request made by 2 p.m. eastern time for an expedited same-day certificate of good standing.

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[Not analogous to former Rule VI, effective February 28, 1972; amended effective January 1, 1981; November 17, 1982; July 1, 1983; May 13, 1985, July 1, 1986; January 1, 1989; July 1, 1991; September 1, 1991; January 1, 1992; July 1, 1992; July 1, 1993; January 1, 1995; July 1, 1995; November 1, 1995; July 1, 1997; July 1, 1999; November 28, 2000; June 1, 2002; August 19, 2002; November 1, 2002; July 1, 2003; July 1, 2005, September 1, 2005; July 1, 2007; September 1, 2007; January 1, 2008; May 1, 2009; September 1, 2010; January 1, 2012; January 1, 2013; November 1, 2013; January 1, 2015; April 1, 2015; December 1, 2015; July 1, 2016; September 15, 2016; November 1, 2017; November 1, 2018; July 1, 2019; February 1, 2020; June 1, 2020; November 1, 2020; July 1, 2021; January 1, 2023; July 1, 2023.]

**RULE XX. TITLE AND EFFECTIVE DATES**

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**Section 2. Effective Dates.**

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**(Insert division letter)** The amendments to Gov. Bar R. VI, Sections 2 through 6, 8, 10, and 15, adopted by the Supreme Court on February 9, 2023, shall take effect on July 1, 2023.