

**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, Section 2 and XII, Section 2) were adopted by the Supreme Court of Ohio. The history of these amendments is as follows:

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July 1, 2016	Effective date of amendments

SUPREME COURT RULES FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE BAR OF OHIO

RULE VI. REGISTRATION OF ATTORNEYS

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

Section 2. Active Attorney Registration.

(1) 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 registration furnished by the office and paying a registration fee of three hundred fifty dollars. An attorney who registers and pays the fee shall be granted active status.

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

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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; July 1, 2016.]

RULE XII. PRO HAC VICE ADMISSION

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

Section 2. Requirements for Permission to Appear Pro Hac Vice

(A) A tribunal of this state may grant permission to appear pro hac vice to an out-of-state attorney who is admitted to practice in the highest court of a state, commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United States or the District of Columbia, or who is admitted to practice in the courts of a foreign state and is in good standing to appear pro hac vice in a proceeding.

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(3) Prior to being granted permission to appear pro hac vice by a tribunal, the attorney shall have applied for registration with the Supreme Court Office of Attorney Services, paid an annual registration fee of \$300.00, and been issued a certificate of pro hac vice registration. The application for registration shall include the following information:

(a) The attorney's residential address, office address, and the name and address of the attorney's law firm or employer, if applicable;

(b) The jurisdictions in which the attorney has ever been licensed to practice law, including the dates of admission to practice, resignation, or retirement, and any attorney registration numbers;

(c) An affidavit stating that the attorney has never been disbarred and whether the attorney is currently under suspension or has resigned with discipline pending in any jurisdiction the attorney has ever been admitted;

(d) A statement the attorney satisfies the requirements in Section 2(A)(1) and (2) of this rule;

(e) A statement that the attorney will comply with the applicable statutes, law and procedural rules of the State of Ohio, and the rules, policies, and procedures of the tribunal before which the attorney seeks to practice and will be familiar with and comply with the Ohio Rules of Professional Conduct and the Rules for the Government of the Bar.

(4) Of the \$300 annual pro hac vice registration fee collected pursuant to Section 2(A)(3) of this rule, \$150 shall be deposited into the Attorney Services Fund for use to fund civil legal aid services for low-income or disadvantaged populations in Ohio.

(5) An attorney representing an amicus curiae in support of an indigent defendant in a criminal matter may file with the Office of Attorney Services an application for a waiver of the annual registration fee. The waiver shall not apply to other proceedings in which the attorney seeks permission to appear pro hac vice.

(6) An attorney may participate pro hac vice in no more than three proceedings under this rule in the same calendar year the application is filed. In the event a proceeding continues to the next or subsequent calendar years, the proceeding will not count toward the annual limitation. An appeal from a trial court or court of appeals, an appeal of an administrative agency order or ruling, a transfer of an action to a court of competent jurisdiction, or the consolidation of two or more cases, where the attorney participated in the initial proceeding, shall not be counted toward the annual limitation. Participation for the first time by an attorney at any stage during a proceeding shall count toward the annual limitation.

(7) The attorney may file a motion for permission to appear pro hac vice accompanied by a copy of the certificate of pro hac vice registration furnished by the Office of Attorney Services, and includes the following information:

(a) The attorney's residential address, office address, and the name and address of the attorney's law firm or employer, if applicable;

(b) The jurisdictions in which the attorney has ever been licensed to practice law, including the dates of admission to practice, resignation, or retirement, and any attorney registration numbers;

(c) An affidavit stating that the attorney has never been disbarred and whether the attorney is currently under suspension or has resigned with discipline pending in any jurisdiction the attorney has ever been admitted;

(d) A statement that the attorney has not been granted permission to appear pro hac vice in more than three proceedings before Ohio tribunals in the current calendar year pursuant to Section 2(A)(6) of this rule;

(e) The name and attorney registration number of an active Ohio attorney, in good standing, who has agreed to associate with the out-of-state attorney.

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[Effective: January 1, 2011; January 1, 2013; January 1, 2014; July 1, 2016.]

RULE XX. TITLE AND EFFECTIVE DATES

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

Section 2. Effective Dates.

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(ZZZZ) The amendments to Rule VI and XII, adopted by the Supreme Court on February 23, 2016, shall take effect on July 1, 2016.