

**PROPOSED 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 April 29, 2024, 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: Tammy White, Attorney Services Manager, Supreme Court of Ohio, 65 South Front Street, 5th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3431, or Tammy.White@sc.ohio.gov not later than April 29, 2024. Please include your full name and mailing address in any comments submitted by e-mail.

Key to Proposed Amendments:

1. Existing language appears in regular type. Example: text
2. Existing language to be deleted appears in strikethrough. Example: ~~text~~
3. New language to be added appears in underline. Example: text

SUPREME COURT RULES FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE BAR OF OHIO

RULE X. CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

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Section 3. Continuing Legal Education Requirements for Attorneys.

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(B) *Professional conduct credit hours.* As part of the minimum twenty-four credit hours of continuing legal education required by division (A) of this section, each attorney admitted to the practice of law in this state and each attorney registered for corporate counsel status shall complete a minimum of two and one-half credit hours of instruction on one or any combination of the following professional conduct topics:

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(4) Access to justice and fairness in the courts and how these issues impact public trust and confidence in the judicial system and the perception of justice in Ohio, which shall include instruction on one or any combination of the following topics:

(a) Interacting with self-represented litigants;

(b) Encouraging pro bono representation;

(c) Accommodating language interpretation;

(d) ~~Assuring fairness in matters of race, ethnicity, foreign origin, religion, gender, sexual orientation, disability, socio-economic status, or other relevant topics~~ Cultural competency in the practice of law or the administration of justice that may include, among other topics, implicit and explicit bias, equal access to justice, serving a diverse population, diversity, and inclusion initiatives in the legal profession.

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Section 20. Effective Date.

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(Insert division letter) The amendments to Section 3 of this rule, adopted by the Supreme Court of Ohio on _____, shall be effective on _____.

42 [Effective: July 1, 1988 and January 1, 1989; amended effective January 1, 1989; July 1, 1989;
43 December 15, 1989; May 28, 1990; September 1, 1990; January 1, 1991; February 18, 1991;
44 September 1, 1991; January 1, 1992; July 1, 1992; January 1, 1994; January 1, 1995; January 1,
45 1996; January 1, 1998; November 1, 1998; January 1, 2000; May 8, 2000; July 1, 2001; January
46 21, 2002; July 1, 2002, September 1, 2004, November 7, 2005; November 1, 2007; November 1,
47 2008; December 1, 2011; January 1, 2014; January 1, 2015; July 1, 2017; November 1, 2017;
48 January 1, 2019; July 1, 2019; February 1, 2020; June 1, 2020; August 1, 2022; September 1, 2022;
49 January 1, 2023; _____.]

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52 **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. X, adopted by the Supreme
61 Court of Ohio on _____, shall take effect on _____.