

**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 15 and 16) were adopted by the Supreme Court of Ohio. The history of these amendments is as follows:

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Key to Adopted Amendments:

1. Unaltered language appears in regular type. Example: text
2. Language that has been deleted appears in strikethrough. Example: ~~text~~
3. New language that has been added appears in underline. Example: text

SUPREME COURT RULES FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE BAR OF OHIO

1 RULE VI. REGISTRATION OF ATTORNEYS

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

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5 Section 15. Certificates of Good Standing.

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7 **(A) Authority**

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9 Pursuant to the requirements of this section, the Office of Attorney Services may issue the  
10 following certificates of good standing for attorneys admitted to the practice of law in Ohio:

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12 (1) A standard certificate of good standing, which shall include the attorney's  
13 full name, attorney registration number, and current registration status;

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15 (2) A certificate of good standing with disciplinary information, which shall  
16 include the attorney's full name; attorney registration number; current registration  
17 status; and a summary of any administrative actions, including sanctions and  
18 suspensions, and disciplinary information or, if applicable, a statement the attorney  
19 has not been subject to any administrative actions or discipline by the Supreme  
20 Court.

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22 **(B) Request for certificate**

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

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29 (1) A request on a form provided by the office;

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31 (2) A nonrefundable fee of ten dollars for a request for a standard certificate of  
32 good standing or twenty-five dollars for a request for a certificate of good standing  
33 with disciplinary information.

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35 **(C) Review of Supreme Court records**

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37 (1) Upon receipt of an a request pursuant to division (B) of this rule, the Director of  
38 Attorney Services shall review the records of the Supreme Court and determine whether  
39 the attorney is in good standing. The determination of the director shall be final.

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41 (2) The attorney shall be in good standing if all of the following requirements are met:

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43 (a) The attorney is in compliance with the attorney registration requirements of  
44 Gov. Bar R. VI;

- 45 (b) The attorney is in compliance with the continuing legal education  
46 requirements of Gov. Bar R. X;  
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48 (c) The attorney is not subject to discipline by order of the Supreme Court  
49 pursuant to Gov. Bar R. V, excluding an order of public reprimand, and has no  
50 outstanding fees or restitution ordered by the Court or payable to the Court.  
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52 (3) The attorney shall not be in good standing if any of the following apply:  
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54 (a) The attorney is not registered with the Office of Attorney Services by  
55 September 1 of every odd-numbered year or within thirty days of admission to the  
56 practice of law in Ohio in compliance with the attorney registration requirements  
57 of Gov. Bar R. VI;  
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59 (b) The attorney is not in compliance with the continuing legal education  
60 requirements of Gov. Bar R. X;  
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62 (c) The attorney is subject to an order of suspension pursuant to Gov. Bar R. V,  
63 including any suspension that has been stayed, in whole or in part;  
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65 (d) The attorney is subject to an order of probation pursuant to Gov. Bar R. V,  
66 including any probation that has not been terminated by order of the court;  
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68 (e) The attorney is subject to an order of suspension pursuant to Gov. Bar R.  
69 VI;  
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71 (f) The attorney is subject to an order of sanction or order of suspension  
72 pursuant to Gov. Bar R. X;  
73  
74 (g) The attorney has any outstanding sanctions or fees due to the Supreme  
75 Court, including but not limited to costs imposed under Gov. Bar R. V, sanctions  
76 or fees due under Gov. Bar VI or X, or unreimbursed amounts due to the Lawyers'  
77 Fund for Client Protection;  
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79 (h) The attorney is disbarred, retired, or resigned with disciplinary action  
80 pending.

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82 **(D) Issuance of certificate**

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84 Upon a determination by the Director of Attorney Services that an attorney is in good  
85 standing pursuant to division (C) of this section, the Office of Attorney Services shall issue  
86 the standard certificate of good standing or certificate of good standing with disciplinary  
87 information, as requested. The certificate shall include the seal of the Supreme Court.  
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89 **Section 16. Public Access to Records.**

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92 [Not analogous to former Rule VI, effective February 28, 1972; amended effective January 1,  
93 1981; November 17, 1982; July 1, 1983; May 13, 1985, July 1, 1986; January 1, 1989; July 1,  
94 1991; September 1, 1991; January 1, 1992; July 1, 1992; July 1, 1993; January 1, 1995; July 1,  
95 1995; November 1, 1995; July 1, 1997; July 1, 1999; November 28, 2000; June 1, 2002; August  
96 19, 2002; November 1, 2002; July 1, 2003; July 1, 2005, September 1, 2005; July 1, 2007;  
97 September 1, 2007; January 1, 2008; May 1, 2009; September 1, 2010; January 1, 2012; January  
98 1, 2013; November 1, 2013; January 1, 2015; April 1, 2015; December 1, 2015; July 1, 2016;  
99 September 15, 2016; November 1, 2017; November 1, 2018; July 1, 2019; February 1, 2020.]

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102 **RULE XX. TITLE AND EFFECTIVE DATES**

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

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106 (**Insert division letter**) The amendments to Gov. Bar R. VI, Sections 15 and 16,  
107 adopted by the Supreme Court on November 13, 2019, shall be effective February 1, 2020.