

**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 July 17, 2019, 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: Minerva Elizaga, Assistant Director of Attorney Services, Supreme Court of Ohio, 65 South Front Street, 5th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3431, or Minerva.Elizaga@sc.ohio.gov not later than July 17, 2019. Please include your full name and mailing address in any comments submitted by e-mail.

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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

1 **RULE VI. REGISTRATION OF ATTORNEYS**

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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;
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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**

83 Upon a determination by the Director of Attorney Services that an attorney is in good
84 standing pursuant to division (C) of this section, the Office of Attorney Services shall issue
85 the standard certificate of good standing or certificate of good standing with disciplinary
86 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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