

**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 (Appendix VI) were adopted by the Supreme Court of Ohio. The history of these amendments is as follows:

July 12, 2021	Publication for public comment
October 5, 2021	Final adoption by conference
November 1, 2021	Effective date of amendments

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

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APPENDIX VI: FIELDS OF LAW SUBJECT TO SPECIALIZATION DESIGNATION

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Effective ~~November 17, 2020~~ July 1, 2021, the Supreme Court adopted Privacy Law as a field of law subject to specialization designation in Ohio pursuant to recommendation of the Commission on Certification of Attorneys as Specialists.

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

Effective November 1, 2021, the Supreme Court adopted Child Welfare Law as a field of law subject to specialization designation in Ohio pursuant to recommendation of the Commission on Certification of Attorneys as Specialists.

On April 16, 2021, the Commission on Certification of Attorneys as Specialists approved Child Welfare Law as a field of law subject to specialization designation in Ohio. The following definition was adopted by the Commission.

“**Child Welfare Law** is the practice of law representing children, parents, or the government in all child protection proceedings including emergency, temporary custody, adjudication, disposition, foster care, permanency planning, termination, guardianship, and adoption. Child Welfare Law does not include representation in private custody and adoption disputes where the state is not a party.”

(Adopted effective: July 10, 1996; amended effective: October 8, 1996; August 26, 1997; February 3, 1998; January 24, 2006; November 1, 2008; October 1, 2011; March 15, 2016; July 1, 2021; November 1, 2021.)