

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE SUPREME COURT
RULES FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE BAR OF OHIO**

**COMMENTS REQUESTED
ON PROPOSED AREA OF SPECIALIZATION**

Comments Requested: The Supreme Court of Ohio will accept public comments until August 26, 2021, on the following proposed amendments to Appendix VI of the Supreme Court Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio.

Comments on the proposed amendments should be submitted in writing to: Alexis Preskar, Attorney Services Counsel, Supreme Court of Ohio, 65 South Front Street, 5th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3431, or alexis.preskar@sc.ohio.gov not later than August 26, 2021. Please include your full name and mailing address in any comments submitted by e-mail.

Key to Proposed Amendment:

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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

1 **RULES FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE BAR OF OHIO**

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3 **APPENDIX VI: FIELDS OF LAW SUBJECT TO**
4 **SPECIALIZATION DESIGNATION**

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

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9 Effective **[insert effective date]**, the Supreme Court adopted Child Welfare Law
10 as a field of law subject to specialization designation in Ohio pursuant to recommendation
11 of the Commission on Certification of Attorneys as Specialists.

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

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