

**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. X, Section 10) were adopted by the Supreme Court of Ohio. The history of these amendments is as follows:

July 31, 2017	Publication for public comment
April 24, 2018	Final adoption by conference
January 1, 2019	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

SUPREME COURT RULES FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE BAR OF OHIO

RULE X. CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

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Section 10. Magistrates.

(A) *Definition.* As used in this section, “magistrate” means an ~~individual~~ attorney appointed by a court pursuant to ~~Rule App.R. 34, Crim.R. 19, Civ.R. 53 of the Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule Juv.R. 40 of the Ohio Rules of Juvenile Procedure, Rule or Traf.R. 14 of the Ohio Traffic Rules, or Rule 19 of the Ohio Rules of Criminal Procedure.~~

(B)(1) Orientation program. An attorney who, after January 1, 2019, is appointed as a new magistrate and has not completed the Magistrate Orientation Program for that jurisdiction shall, within twelve months of the appointment, complete the program.

(2) The Magistrate Orientation Program shall be developed and accredited by the Supreme Court Judicial College and consist of the following two parts:

(a) Part I, which shall consist of a general and specific curriculum applicable to the jurisdictions of the attendees. The Judicial College shall conduct Part I at least one time each year.

(b) Part II, which shall be the Judicial College Mentor Program. Part II shall pair a new magistrate with an experienced magistrate-mentor within the same subject area jurisdiction. Each magistrate required to participate in Part II shall have regular contact with the mentoring magistrate for a minimum of one year.

(3) A sitting magistrate who changes jurisdictions shall complete only the portions of Part I that are specifically designed for the new jurisdiction.

(4) The Judicial College shall not charge tuition for participation in Part I.

(5) For good cause, the executive committee of the Judicial College Board of Trustees may delay or excuse completion of the Magistrate Orientation Program.

(C)(1) Credit hours. As part Each magistrate shall complete a minimum of the forty credit hours of continuing legal education requirements of this rule, a for each biennial compliance period on subjects devoted to the law and court administration.

(2) As part of the minimum forty credit hours of continuing legal education required by division (C)(1) of this section, each magistrate shall complete a minimum of ten credit hours of continuing legal education for each biennial compliance period that are instruction offered by the Supreme Court of Ohio Judicial College and that do not consist solely of the classroom instruction on professional conduct required by Section 3(B) of this rule.

(3) As part of the minimum ten credit hours of Judicial College instruction required by division (C)(2) of this section, each magistrate shall complete a minimum of three credit hours of instruction offered by the Judicial College on one or any combination of the following four conduct topics:

(a) Ethics, which shall include instruction on one or any combination of the Ohio Code of Judicial Conduct, the Ohio Rules of Professional Conduct, the Judicial Creed, and Ohio ethics laws;

(b) Professionalism, which shall include instruction on one or both of the following topics:

(i) The role of magistrates in promoting ethics and professionalism within the judicial system;

(ii) The role of magistrates in promoting ethics and professionalism among attorneys by facilitating compliance with the requirements of the Ohio Rules of Professional Conduct, “A Lawyer’s Creed,” “A Lawyer’s Aspirational Ideals,” and the “Statement Regarding the Provision of Pro Bono Legal Services by Ohio Lawyers” adopted by the Supreme Court.

(c) Alcoholism, substance abuse, or mental health issues, which shall include instruction on any of their causes, prevention, detection, and treatment alternatives, as applicable;

(d) 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:

(i) Interacting with self-represented litigants;

(ii) Encouraging pro bono representation;

(iii) Accommodating language interpretation;

(iv) Assuring fairness in matters of race, ethnicity, foreign origin, religion, gender, sexual orientation, disability, socio-economic status, or other relevant topics.

(4) The Judicial College instruction related to conduct required by division (C)(3) of this section may be obtained in a single program or activity or in separate programs or activities that include one or more of the subjects set forth in that division.

~~(C)(D)~~ *Registration.* Each magistrate shall register annually with the Secretary of the Supreme Court Commission on Continuing Legal Education in a manner authorized by the Commission.

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Section 20. Effective Date.

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(W) The amendments to Section 10 of this rule, adopted by the Supreme Court of Ohio on April 24, 2018, shall be effective January 1, 2019.

[Effective: July 1, 1988 and January 1, 1989; amended effective January 1, 1989; July 1, 1989; December 15, 1989; May 28, 1990; September 1, 1990; January 1, 1991; February 18, 1991; September 1, 1991; January 1, 1992; July 1, 1992; January 1, 1994; January 1, 1995; January 1, 1996; January 1, 1998; November 1, 1998; January 1, 2000; May 8, 2000; July 1, 2001; January 21, 2002; July 1, 2002, September 1, 2004, November 7, 2005; November 1, 2007; November 1, 2008; December 1, 2011; January 1, 2014; January 1, 2015; July 1, 2017; November 1, 2017; January 1, 2019.]

RULE XX. TITLE AND EFFECTIVE DATES

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Section 2. Effective Dates.

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(VIII) The amendments to Gov. Bar R. X, Section 10, adopted by the Supreme Court on April 24, 2018, shall take effect on January 1, 2019.