

**AMENDMENTS TO THE  
OHIO RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**

The following amendments to the Ohio Rules of Professional Conduct (Prof. Cond. R. 1.15 and 6.1) were adopted by the Supreme Court of Ohio. The history of the amendments is as follows:

February 11, 2020	Final adoption by conference
February 11, 2020	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

# OHIO RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

## RULE 1.15: SAFEKEEPING FUNDS AND PROPERTY

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(h) A lawyer, a lawyer in the lawyer's *firm*, or a *firm* that owns an interest in a business that provides a law-related service shall:

(1) maintain funds of clients or third persons that cannot earn any net income for the clients or third persons in an interest-bearing trust account that is established in an eligible depository institution as required by sections 3953.231, 4705.09, and 4705.10 of the Revised Code or any rules adopted by the Ohio ~~Legal Assistance~~ Access to Justice Foundation pursuant to section 120.52 of the Revised Code.

(2) notify the Ohio ~~Legal Assistance~~ Access to Justice Foundation, in a manner required by rules adopted by the Ohio ~~Legal Assistance~~ Access to Justice Foundation pursuant to section 120.52 of the Revised Code, of the existence of an interest-bearing trust account;

(3) comply with the reporting requirement contained in Gov. Bar R. VI, Section 1(F).

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### Comparison to former Ohio Code of Professional Responsibility

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Rule 1.15(h) requires lawyers to comply with R.C. 120.52, 3953.231, 4705.09, and 4705.10, all rules adopted by the Ohio ~~Legal Assistance~~ Access to Justice Foundation, and Gov. Bar R. VI, (1)(F). This provision is the same as the requirements of DR 9-102(D) and (E).

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## **VI. PUBLIC SERVICE**

### **RULE 6.1: VOLUNTARY PRO BONO PUBLICO SERVICE**

#### **Note**

The Supreme Court of Ohio has deferred consideration of Model Rule 6.1 in light of recommendations contained in the final report of the Supreme Court Task Force on Pro Se and Indigent Representation and recommendations from the Ohio ~~Legal Assistance~~ Access to Justice Foundation.

#### **Form of Citation, Effective Date, Application**

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(o) The Supreme Court of Ohio adopted amendments to Prof. Cond. Rules 1.15 and 6.1 effective February 11, 2020.