

1 **RULE 2.16 Cooperation with Disciplinary Authorities**

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3 (A) A judge shall cooperate and be candid and honest with judicial and lawyer
4 disciplinary agencies.

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6 (B) A judge shall not retaliate, directly or indirectly, against a person *known* or
7 suspected to have assisted or cooperated with an investigation of a judge or a lawyer.

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10 **Comment**

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12 [1] Cooperation with investigations and proceedings of judicial and lawyer discipline
13 agencies, as required in division (A), instills confidence in ~~judges'~~ the commitment of judges to
14 the integrity of the judicial system and the protection of the public.

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17 **Comparison to Ohio Code of Judicial Conduct**

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19 There is no Ohio Canon comparable to Rule 2.16, although Canon 3(D)(3) addresses a
20 judge's duty to respond to requests from disciplinary authorities.

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22 **Comparison to ABA Model Code of Judicial Conduct**

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24 Rule 2.16 is substantially the same as Model Rule 2.16.