

1 **RULE 3.15 Reporting Requirements**

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3 (A) A judge shall publicly report the amount or value of all of the following:

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5 (1) Compensation received for extrajudicial activities as permitted by Rule 3.12;

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7 (2) Gifts and other things of value as permitted by Rule 3.13(C), unless the value of
8 such items, alone or in the aggregate with other items received from the same source in the same
9 calendar year, does not exceed \$[insert amount];

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11 (3) Reimbursement of expenses and waiver of fees or charges permitted by Rule
12 3.14(A), unless the amount of reimbursement or waiver, alone or in the aggregate with other
13 reimbursements or waivers received from the same source in the same calendar year, does not
14 exceed \$[insert amount] file annually the disclosure statement required by R.C. 102.02 with the
15 secretary of the Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline of the Supreme Court of
16 Ohio. The completion and filing of the annual disclosure statement fulfills the reporting
17 requirements set forth in Rules 3.12, 3.13, and 3.14.

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19 (B) ~~When public reporting is required by division (A) of this rule, a judge shall report~~
20 ~~the date, place, and nature of the activity for which the judge received any compensation; the~~
21 ~~description of any gift, loan, bequest, benefit, or other thing of value accepted; and the source of~~
22 ~~reimbursement of expenses or waiver or partial waiver of fees or charges. [RESERVED]~~

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24 (C) ~~The public report required by division (A) of this rule shall be made at least~~
25 ~~annually, except that for reimbursement of expenses and waiver or partial waiver of fees or~~
26 ~~charges, the report shall be made within thirty days following the conclusion of the event or~~
27 ~~program. [RESERVED]~~

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29 (D) ~~Reports made in compliance with this rule shall be filed as public documents in~~
30 ~~the office of the clerk of the court on which the judge serves or other office designated by law,~~
31 ~~and, when technically feasible, posted by the court or office personnel on the court's website.~~
32 ~~[RESERVED]~~

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35 **Comment**

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37 [1] The information required to be reported by Rules 3.12, 3.13, and 3.14 is a portion
38 of the information that must be included on the annual financial disclosure statement mandated
39 by R.C. 102.02. A judge is obligated to disclose fully and accurately all information requested
40 on the annual disclosure statement and does not fulfill the statutory obligation by reporting only
41 the information required by Rules 3.12, 3.13, and 3.14.

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43 [2] Previously, judges were required to report extrajudicial income and gifts on both
44 the statutorily mandated form and on a quasi-judicial or extrajudicial activity compensation
45 report that was required to be filed with the Board of Commissioners on Grievances and

46 Discipline. Rule 3.15 simplifies the reporting requirements by allowing judges to complete a
47 single form to satisfy the reporting requirements of this Code and the Revised Code.

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

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52 Rule 3.15 continues the requirement of Ohio Canon 2(D)(3)(a) to file the annual financial
53 disclosure statement required by R.C. 102.02. This filing satisfied the reporting requirements of
54 Rules 3.12, 3.13, and 3.14.

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56 Comment [1] explains that a judge shall report other information on the annual financial
57 disclosure statement mandated by R.C. 102.02. This is implied, but not expressed, in Canon
58 2(D)(3)(a).

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60 Rule 3.15 no longer requires a judge to file a separate statement of quasijudicial or
61 extrajudicial compensation as prescribed by Ohio Canon 2(D)(3)(b). The content of this
62 statement is included within the statutorily mandated financial disclosure statement, and Rule
63 3.15 requires the filing of only the statement required by R.C. 102.02.

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

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67 The reporting requirements and detail of the Model Rule are eliminated from Rule 3.15 in
68 favor of a reference to the annual financial disclosure statement required by R.C. 102.02.