

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF PRACTICE OF  
THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO**

Comments Requested: The Supreme Court of Ohio will accept public comments until November 9, 2016, on the following proposed amendments to the Rules of Practice of the Supreme Court of Ohio.

Comments on the proposed amendments should be submitted in writing to Justin Kudela, Case Management Counsel, Supreme Court of Ohio, 65 South Front Street, 8th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3431 or justin.kudela@sc.ohio.gov not later than November 9, 2016. Please include your full name and mailing address in any comments submitted by e-mail.

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1                                   **RULES OF PRACTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO**

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3 **S.Ct.Prac.R. 1.04.            Applicability.**

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5 The Rules of Practice of the Supreme Court of Ohio shall apply to all ~~eases~~ documents filed with  
6 the Supreme Court.

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8 Effective Date: January 1, 2013

9 Amended:\_\_\_\_\_

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12 **S.Ct.Prac.R. 2.01.           Prerequisites to Filing and Appearance.**

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14 **(A)    Requirements**

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16       **(1)    General**

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18           (a)    In order to file documents other than those required to perfect an appeal, or  
19           to participate in oral argument, attorneys shall be registered for active status with  
20           the Office of Attorney Services of the Supreme Court as required by Gov.Bar R.  
21           VI or shall have complied with the pro hac vice requirements of S.Ct.Prac.R. 2.02.

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23           (b)    Only persons who are attorneys qualified pursuant to division (A)(1)(a) of  
24           this rule may file documents on behalf of another person or on behalf of an entity.

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26       **(2)    Death-penalty cases**

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28           In addition to meeting the requirements of division (A)(1)(a) of this rule, in death-  
29           penalty cases, any appointed attorney shall satisfy the certification requirements of  
30           ~~Sup.R. 20 through 20.05~~ the Rules for Appointment of Counsel in Capital Cases  
31           and appear on the list of attorneys certified to represent capital defendants on  
32           appeal.

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34       **(3)    E-Filing Portal**

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36           (a)    The use of the Supreme Court’s E-Filing Portal is optional.

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38           (b)    All persons who choose to file documents through the E-Filing Portal shall  
39           register and set up an account through the E-Filing Portal. Registered users shall  
40           be responsible for maintaining the accuracy of their E-Filing Portal account  
41           information.

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43           (c)    No registered user of the E-Filing Portal shall authorize or permit anyone to  
44           use the registered user’s E-Filing Portal account except on behalf of the registered  
45           user, in which event the registered user shall be deemed to be the filer.

47 **(B) Notice of appearance and withdrawal**

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49 (1) The For attorneys registered for active status with the Office of Attorney Services  
50 of the Supreme Court of Ohio, the first document filed by a party serves as the notice of  
51 appearance of counsel for the attorneys who represent the filing party.

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53 (2) Any attorney who first appears in a case after the first document has been filed by  
54 the party that the attorney represents shall do one of the following:

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56 (a) File a notice of appearance identifying the party on whose behalf the  
57 attorney is appearing;

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59 (b) Specify on the document being filed that this is the attorney's first  
60 appearance in the case;

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62 (c) If the document is filed through the E-Filing Portal, add the attorney and  
63 identify the party the attorney represents.

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65 (3) Any attorney who has made an appearance in a case and later withdraws from  
66 representation of a party shall file a notice of withdrawal.

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68 (4) For an attorney not registered for active status with the Office of Attorney Services  
69 of the Supreme Court of Ohio, to make an appearance the attorney shall comply with  
70 S.Ct.Prac.R. 2.02.

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72 **(C) Striking of documents**

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74 The Supreme Court may strike documents filed by attorneys who do not comply with this  
75 rule, may strike from the docket the names of attorneys who are not in compliance with  
76 this rule, or may take any other action as the Supreme Court deems appropriate.

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83 **S.Ct.Prac.R. 2.02. Pro Hac Vice Admission.**

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85 **(A) General**

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87 (1) The Supreme Court may permit an attorney who is not registered for active status  
88 with the Office of Attorney Services of the Supreme Court of Ohio to appear pro hac vice  
89 and to file documents or participate in oral argument in a case before the Supreme Court  
90 of Ohio if the attorney has complied with the requirements of Gov.Bar R. XII and this rule.

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92 (2) The Supreme Court may withdraw pro hac vice admission at any time.

93 **(B) Motion**

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95 (1) Pro hac vice admission will be allowed only on motion of an attorney who has  
96 complied with all the requirements of Gov.Bar R. XII. The motion shall succinctly state  
97 the qualifications of the attorney seeking admission and shall contain all information  
98 required by Gov.Bar R. XII(2)(A)(6)(a) through (e), including the affidavit. A copy of the  
99 certificate of registration furnished by the Office of Attorney Services of the Supreme  
100 Court as required by Gov.Bar R. XII(2)(A)(6) shall also be attached.

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102 (2) ~~A If the Supreme Court grants a motion for pro hac vice admission then the attorney~~  
103 ~~shall be filed with the first document on which the attorney's name appears that is filed by~~  
104 ~~a party that the attorney represents, except when filing documents to perfect an appeal as~~  
105 ~~provided in S.Ct.Prac.R. 2.01, deemed to have made an appearance in the case and a notice~~  
106 ~~of appearance under S.Ct.Prac.R. 2.01(B)(2) is not required.~~

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108 (3) If an attorney required by S.Ct.Prac.R. 2.01 to be admitted pro hac vice has  
109 perfected an appeal without filing a motion for pro hac vice admission, the attorney shall  
110 file the motion no later than thirty days after the filing of the appeal ~~or with the first~~  
111 ~~document filed after perfecting an appeal, whichever occurs first.~~

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113 (4) If ~~the~~ an attorney seeks to participate pro hac vice in oral argument and has not  
114 already been admitted in the case, the motion for pro hac vice admission shall be filed at  
115 least thirty days before oral argument.

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117 **(C) Refusal to file**

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119 The Clerk of the Supreme Court shall refuse to file motions for pro hac vice admission that  
120 are not timely submitted or that fail to comply with these rules.

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122 **(D) Notification and renewal**

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124 (1) Within thirty days of being admitted pro hac vice before the Supreme Court, the  
125 attorney shall file a notice of permission to appear pro hac vice with the Office of Attorney  
126 Services of the Supreme Court as required by Gov.Bar R. XII.

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128 (2) In any case that is pending as of the first day of a new calendar year, the attorney  
129 admitted pro hac vice shall comply with the registration renewal requirements of Gov.Bar  
130 R. XII within thirty days of the start of that calendar year.

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138 **S.Ct.Prac.R. 3.02. Filing with the Supreme Court.**

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**(A) Filing**

**(1) Definition and filings treated as public records**

(a) Filing is effectuated when the Clerk’s Office file-stamps a document and docket it in a case.

(b) Documents filed with the Supreme Court shall be available for public access pursuant to Sup.R. 44 through 47. A document that has been sealed pursuant to a court order, administrative agency order, or board order, or is the subject of a motion to seal pending in the Supreme Court, shall remain under seal and not be made available for public access unless ordered by the Supreme Court.

**(2) Filing paper documents**

(a) Filing paper documents with the Supreme Court shall be made by submitting the documents to the Clerk of the Supreme Court during the regular business hours of the Clerk’s Office. Only documents that are timely received and in compliance with these rules shall be filed by the Clerk.

(b) Paper documents may be submitted for filing in person; by delivery service; by mail addressed to the Clerk, The Supreme Court of Ohio, 65 S. Front St., 8th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3431; or by e-mail as specified in division (A)(4) of this rule.

(c) Paper documents received in the Clerk’s Office after 5:00 p.m. shall not be considered for filing until the next business day.

**(3) Filing electronic documents through the E-Filing Portal**

(a) Filing of electronic documents shall be made by submitting the documents through the E-Filing Portal. Confirmation of receipt by the E-Filing Portal is only a confirmation of receipt of the documents, not a confirmation that the documents were accepted for filing.

(b) Any document filed through the E-Filing Portal pursuant to division (A)(3) of this rule shall meet all requirements of these rules, except that multiple copies of a document are not required unless requested by the Clerk pursuant to S.Ct.Prac.R. 3.10.

(c) A document filed through the E-Filing Portal pursuant to division (A)(3) of this rule shall be submitted as a Portable Document Format (“PDF”) file.

183 (d) Filing documents through the E-Filing Portal does not alter any filing  
184 deadlines imposed by the Rules of Practice of the Supreme Court of Ohio.  
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186 (e) Documents received after 5:00:00 p.m. local observed time in Columbus,  
187 Ohio through the E-Filing Portal shall not be considered for filing until the next  
188 business day. The time of receipt of a document is the time-stamp provided by the  
189 Supreme Court's E-Filing Portal, and the time-stamp provided by any other  
190 computer system shall not alter the time of receipt and effect of this rule.  
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192 (f) After review by the Clerk's Office, a separate communication that indicates  
193 whether the documents were accepted for filing will be sent to the e-mail address  
194 registered with the account of the person who submitted the documents through the  
195 E-Filing Portal.  
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197 **(4) Filing electronic documents by e-mail**  
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199 ~~(a) Filing by e-mail is restricted to the following documents:~~  
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201 ~~(i) A request for extension of time or a stipulation to an agreed~~  
202 ~~extension of time that complies with S.Ct.Prac.R. 3.03;~~  
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204 ~~(ii) A list of additional authorities filed pursuant to S.Ct.Prac.R. 16.08~~  
205 ~~or 17.08;~~  
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207 ~~(iii) An application for dismissal filed pursuant to S.Ct.Prac.R. 4.05;~~  
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209 ~~(iv) A waiver of oral argument filed pursuant to S.Ct.Prac.R. 17.03;~~  
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211 ~~(v) A notice related to attorney representation filed pursuant to~~  
212 ~~S.Ct.Prac.R. 2.03;~~  
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214 ~~(vi) A notice of a court of appeals' determination of no conflict filed~~  
215 ~~pursuant to S.Ct.Prac.R. 7.07(B);~~  
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217 ~~(vii) A waiver of a memorandum in response filed pursuant to~~  
218 ~~S.Ct.Prac.R. 7.03(E);~~  
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220 ~~(viii) A joint motion to remand a case to a lower court or agency.~~  
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222 (b) A document permitted to be filed by e-mail pursuant to division (A)(4)(a)  
223 of this rule shall be sent to the Clerk's Office using the following e-mail address:  
224 filing@sc.ohio.gov. Documents sent to any other e-mail address of the Supreme  
225 Court shall not be considered for filing under any circumstances.  
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227 ~~(e) Any document filed by e-mail pursuant to division (A)(4)(a) of this rule~~  
228 ~~shall meet all requirements of these rules, except that multiple copies of a document~~  
229 ~~are not required.~~

231 ~~(d) A document permitted to be filed by e-mail pursuant to division (A)(4)(a)~~  
232 ~~of this rule shall be submitted as an a Portable Document Format (“PDF”) file.~~

234 ~~(e) Documents transmitted by e-mail pursuant to division (A)(4)(a) of this rule~~  
235 ~~and received on a Saturday, Sunday, or other day on which the Clerk’s Office is~~  
236 ~~closed to the public, or after 5:00 p.m. on a business day, shall be considered for~~  
237 ~~filing on the next business day. The time of receipt of a document is the time stamp~~  
238 ~~provided by the Supreme Court’s e-mail system, and the time stamp provided by~~  
239 ~~any other computer system shall not alter the time of receipt and effect of this rule.~~

241 **(5) Consideration for filing**

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243 Documents submitted by mail, ~~e-mail~~, delivery service, or through the E-Filing  
244 Portal shall not be considered for filing until received by the Clerk’s Office.

246 **~~(6)~~(5) Confirmation of delivery and filing deadlines**

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248 (a) Confirmation of delivery by any source other than the Clerk’s Office or the  
249 E-Filing Portal does not verify actual receipt by the Clerk’s Office.

251 (b) The alteration of hours or procedures by any delivery service, including but  
252 not limited to the United States Postal Service, shall not affect the filing deadlines  
253 and requirements imposed by these rules.

255 **(B) Prohibition against untimely filings**

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257 No document may be filed after the filing deadlines imposed by these rules, set by Supreme  
258 Court order, or as extended in accordance with S.Ct.Prac.R. 3.03(B)(2) or 11.04(C). The  
259 Clerk shall refuse to file a document that is not timely received in accordance with  
260 S.Ct.Prac.R. 3.02(A). Motions to waive this rule are prohibited and shall not be filed.

262 **(C) Rejection of noncomplying documents**

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264 The Clerk may reject documents that are not clearly legible or that fail to comply with the  
265 requirements of these rules.

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272 **S.Ct.Prac.R. 3.07. Cover Page.**

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274 **(A) General**

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276 Each document filed in the Supreme Court shall contain a cover page, which shall be white.  
277 ~~Except as provided in division (B) of this rule, the~~ The cover page shall contain only the  
278 following information:

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280 ~~(1)~~(A) The case name and the case number assigned when the case was filed in the  
281 Supreme Court;

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283 ~~(2)~~(B) The nature of the proceeding in the Supreme Court (e.g., appeal, original  
284 action in mandamus);

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286 ~~(3)~~(C) If the proceeding is an appeal, the name of the court or the administrative  
287 agency from which the appeal is taken;

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289 ~~(4)~~(D) The title of the document (e.g., notice of appeal, appellant's merit brief,  
290 memorandum in support of jurisdiction);

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292 ~~(5)~~(E) An identification of the party on whose behalf the document is filed;

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294 ~~(6)~~(F) The name, attorney-registration number, address, telephone number,  
295 facsimile number, and e-mail address, if available, of each attorney who has filed  
296 an appearance in the case; an indication as to which party each attorney represents;  
297 and, where two or more attorneys represent a party, designation of counsel of record  
298 in accordance with S.Ct.Prac.R. 2.03. A party who is not represented by an attorney  
299 shall indicate the party's name, address, and telephone number.

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301 **(B) Name of appellees**

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303 ~~The cover page of a notice of appeal shall also provide the name of each appellee in the~~  
304 ~~appeal before the Supreme Court.~~

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308 1, 2008; January 1, 2010; January 1, 2013;\_\_\_\_\_

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318 **S.Ct.Prac.R. 4.06. Substitution of Parties**

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320 **(A) General**

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322 **(1) Original actions**

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324 In original actions, except as provided for in division (B) of this rule, substitution  
325 of a party shall be governed by the applicable provisions of the Ohio Rules of Civil  
326 Procedure.

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328 **(2) Other case types**

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330 In all other cases, except as provided for in division (B) of this rule, if substitution  
331 of a party is necessary, a motion shall be filed that designates the person to be  
332 substituted and states the reasons the substitution is required.

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334 **(B) Public officers; death or separation from office**

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336 Unless otherwise provided for by this rule, when a public officer in the officer's official  
337 capacity is a party to an appeal or other proceeding in the Supreme Court of Ohio and  
338 ceases to hold office while the matter is pending, the action does not abate and the successor  
339 officer is automatically substituted as a party. Proceedings following the substitution shall  
340 be in the name of the substituted party. Any misnomer not affecting the substantial rights  
341 of the parties shall be disregarded. An order of substitution may be entered at any time.  
342 The omission to enter such an order shall not affect the substitution.

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347 **S.Ct.Prac.R. 7.01. Institution of Jurisdictional Appeal.**

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349 **(A) Perfection of appeal**

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351 **(1) Time to file and documents required**

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353 (a) (i) To perfect a jurisdictional appeal from a court of appeals to the  
354 Supreme Court as defined by S.Ct.Prac.R. 5.02(A), the appellant shall file a notice  
355 of appeal in the Supreme Court within forty-five days from the entry of the  
356 judgment being appealed. The date the court of appeals filed its judgment entry for  
357 journalization with its clerk, in accordance with App.R. 22, shall be considered the  
358 date of entry of the judgment being appealed.

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360 (ii) Except as provided by S.Ct.Prac.R. 7.01(A)(3), the appellant shall also file  
361 a memorandum in support of jurisdiction, in accordance with S.Ct.Prac.R. 7.02, at  
362 the time the notice of appeal is filed.

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364 (b) Except as provided in divisions (A)(2), (3), (4), (5), and (6) of this rule, the  
365 time period designated in this rule for filing a notice of appeal and memorandum in  
366 support of jurisdiction is mandatory, and the appellant's failure to file within this  
367 time period shall divest the Supreme Court of jurisdiction to hear the appeal. The  
368 Clerk of the Supreme Court shall refuse to file a notice of appeal or a memorandum  
369 in support of jurisdiction that is received for filing after this time period has passed.  
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371 **(2) Subsequent notices of appeal and cross-appeal**

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373 (a) If a party timely files a notice of appeal in the Supreme Court, any other  
374 party may file a notice of appeal or cross-appeal in the Supreme Court within the  
375 time prescribed by division (A)(1) of this rule or ten days after the first notice of  
376 appeal was filed, whichever is later.  
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378 (b) A notice of appeal shall be designated and treated as a notice of cross-appeal  
379 if both of the following requirements are met:

- 380 (i) It is filed after the original notice of appeal was filed in the case;
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- 382 (ii) It is filed by a party against whom the original notice of appeal was  
383 filed.  
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386 (c) If a notice of cross-appeal is filed, a combined memorandum both in  
387 response to appellant/cross-appellee's memorandum and in support of jurisdiction  
388 for the cross-appeal shall be filed by the deadline imposed in S.Ct.Prac.R. 7.05.  
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390 **(3) Motion for stay in advance of filing a memorandum in support of jurisdiction**

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392 (a) In a jurisdictional appeal, if the appellant seeks from the Supreme Court an  
393 immediate stay of the court of appeals' judgment that is being appealed, the  
394 appellant may file a notice of appeal in the Supreme Court without an  
395 accompanying memorandum in support of jurisdiction, provided both of the  
396 following conditions are satisfied:  
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- 398 (i) A motion for stay of the court of appeals' judgment is filed with  
399 the notice of appeal;
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- 401 (ii) A date-stamped copy of the court of appeals' opinion and judgment  
402 entry being appealed is attached to the motion for stay.  
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404 (b) If pursuant to S.Ct.Prac.R. 7.01(A)(3)(a) a memorandum in support of  
405 jurisdiction is not filed with the notice of appeal, then a memorandum in support of  
406 jurisdiction shall be filed no later than forty-five days from the date of the entry of  
407 the court of appeals' judgment being appealed. The Supreme Court will dismiss the  
408 appeal if the memorandum in support of jurisdiction is not timely filed pursuant to  
409 this provision.

410 (4) **Motion for a delayed appeal in felony cases**

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412 (a) In a felony case, when the time has expired for filing a notice of appeal in  
413 the Supreme Court, the appellant may file a delayed appeal by filing a notice of  
414 appeal and a motion for delayed appeal that complies with the following  
415 requirements:

416  
417 (i) The motion shall state the date of entry of the judgment being  
418 appealed and the reasons for the delay;

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420 (ii) Facts supporting the motion shall be set forth in an affidavit;

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422 (iii) A date-stamped copy of the court of appeals' opinion and the  
423 judgment entry being appealed shall be attached to the motion.

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425 (b) A memorandum in support of jurisdiction shall not be filed at the time a  
426 motion for delayed appeal is filed. If the Supreme Court grants a motion for delayed  
427 appeal, the appellant shall file a memorandum in support of jurisdiction within  
428 thirty days after the motion for delayed appeal is granted. If a memorandum in  
429 support of jurisdiction is not timely filed after a motion for delayed appeal has been  
430 granted, the Supreme Court will dismiss the appeal.

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432 (c) The provision for delayed appeal does not apply to appeals involving  
433 postconviction relief or appeals brought pursuant to App.R. 26(B). The Clerk shall  
434 refuse to file motions for delayed appeal involving postconviction relief or App.R.  
435 26(B).

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

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444 **S.Ct.Prac.R. 8.01. Institution of a Certified-Conflict Case.**

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446 **(A) General**

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448 When a court of appeals issues an order certifying a conflict pursuant to Article IV, Section  
449 3(B)(4) of the Ohio Constitution, any interested party to the proceeding may institute a  
450 certified-conflict case by filing a notice of certified conflict in the Supreme Court.

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452 **(B) Procedure**

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454 The notice of certified conflict shall have attached or be accompanied by all of the  
455 following:

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- 457 (1) A date-stamped copy of the court of appeals order certifying a conflict;  
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459 (2) A copy of the certifying court's opinion;  
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461 (3) Copies of the conflicting court of appeals' opinions.  
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463 **(C) Party status**

464  
465 The party who files the order certifying a conflict shall be considered the appellant.  
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467 **(D) Jurisdiction and refusal to file**

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469 Failure to file the court of appeals order certifying a conflict within thirty days after the  
470 date of such order shall divest the Supreme Court of jurisdiction to consider the order  
471 certifying a conflict. The Clerk of the Supreme Court shall refuse to file a notice of certified  
472 conflict that is received for filing after this time period has passed.  
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479 **S.Ct.Prac.R. 9.01. Institution of a Case Certifying a Question of State Law.**

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481 **(A) General**

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483 The Supreme Court may answer a question of law certified to it by a court of the United  
484 States. This rule is invoked if the certifying court, in a proceeding before it, issues a  
485 certification order finding there is a question of Ohio law that may be determinative of the  
486 proceeding and for which there is no controlling precedent in the decisions of this Supreme  
487 Court.  
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489 **(B) Procedure**

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491 (1) A case certifying a question of state law shall be instituted by the clerk of the  
492 certifying court filing with the Clerk of the Supreme Court a date-stamped certification  
493 order from a court of the United States as specified by S.Ct.Prac.R. 9.02 and 9.03.  
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495 (2) A case certifying a question of state law may be initiated with a paper filing or  
496 through the E-Filing Portal.  
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503 **S.Ct.Prac.R. 10.01. Institution of an Appeal from the Board of Tax Appeals.**

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505 **(A) Perfection of an appeal**

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507 (1) A notice of appeal from the Board of Tax Appeals shall be filed with the Supreme  
508 Court and the Board within thirty days from the date of the entry of the decision of the  
509 Board.

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511 (2) The notice of appeal shall be accompanied by a date-stamped copy of the decision  
512 being appealed, set forth the claimed errors, comply with the service requirements of  
513 S.Ct.Prac.R. 3.11(C)(2), and otherwise be in conformance with R.C. 5717.04.

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515 (3) If a party timely files a notice of appeal in the Supreme Court, any other party may  
516 file a notice of appeal pursuant to R.C. 5717.04.

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518 **(B) Proceedings**

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520 After the record in an appeal from the Board of Tax Appeals is filed by the Clerk of the  
521 Supreme Court, the parties shall brief the case in accordance with the applicable provisions  
522 of S.Ct.Prac.R. 16.01 through 16.10.

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526 2008; January 1, 2010; January 1, 2013; January 1, 2015;\_\_\_\_\_

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529 **S.Ct.Prac.R. 10.02. Institution of an Appeal from the Public Utilities Commission.**

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531 **(A) Perfection of an appeal**

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533 (1) A notice of appeal from the Public Utilities Commission shall be filed with the  
534 Supreme Court and with the commission within the time specified in and in conformance  
535 with R.C. 4903.11 and 4903.13 and Ohio Adm. Code 4901-1-02(A) and 4901-1-36.

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537 (2) (a) The notice of appeal shall be accompanied by a date-stamped copy of the  
538 decision being appealed, comply with the service requirements of S.Ct.Prac.R.  
539 3.11(B)(2), and contain a certificate of filing pursuant to S.Ct.Prac.R. 3.11(D)(2).

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541 (b) The notice of appeal shall identify where in the application for rehearing  
542 that was filed pursuant to R.C. 4903.10 the issues to be raised on appeal were  
543 preserved.

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545 (3) If a party files a notice of appeal in the Supreme Court, any other party may file a  
546 notice of cross-appeal pursuant to R.C. 4903.13. The notice of cross-appeal shall be filed  
547 within the later of the time prescribed by R.C. 4903.11 or ten days after the first notice of  
548 appeal was filed.

549 **(B) Proceedings**

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551 After the record in an appeal from the Public Utilities Commission is filed by the Clerk of  
552 the Supreme Court, the parties shall brief the case in accordance with the applicable  
553 provisions of S.Ct.Prac.R. 16.01 through 16.10.

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560 **S.Ct.Prac.R. 11.06. Application for Reopening.**

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562 **(A) General**

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564 An appellant in a death-penalty case involving an offense committed on or after January 1,  
565 1995, may apply for reopening of the appeal from the judgment of conviction and sentence,  
566 based on a claim of ineffective assistance of appellate counsel in the Supreme Court. An  
567 application for reopening shall be filed within ninety days from the issuance of the mandate  
568 of the Supreme Court, unless the appellant shows good cause for filing at a later time.

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570 **(B) Requirements**

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572 An application for reopening shall contain all of the following:

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574 (1) The Supreme Court case number in which reopening is sought and the trial  
575 court case number or numbers from which the appeal was taken;

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577 (2) A showing of good cause for untimely filing if the application is filed more  
578 than ninety days after entry of the judgment of the Supreme Court;

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580 (3) One or more propositions of law or arguments in support of propositions of  
581 law that previously were not considered on the merits in the case or that were  
582 considered on an incomplete record because of the claimed ineffective  
583 representation of appellate counsel;

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585 (4) An affidavit stating the basis for the claim that appellate counsel's  
586 representation was ineffective with respect to the propositions of law or arguments  
587 raised pursuant to S.Ct.Prac.R. 11.06(B)(3) and the manner in which the claimed  
588 deficiency prejudicially affected the outcome of the appeal, which affidavit may  
589 include citations to applicable authorities and references to the record;

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591 (5) Any ~~any~~ If the application is filed more than ninety days after the issuance of  
592 the mandate of the Supreme Court, any relevant parts of the record available to the  
593 applicant ~~and all~~;

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595                   (6)     All supplemental affidavits upon which the applicant relies;

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597                   (7)     Specific citations to the record, as necessary to support the claims raised in  
598                   the application.

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600   **(C)     Response to an application for reopening**

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602                   Within thirty days from the filing of the application, the attorney for the prosecution may  
603                   file and serve affidavits, parts of the record, and a memorandum of law in response to the  
604                   application. Any memorandum in response shall include specific citations to the record, as  
605                   necessary to respond to the claims raised in the application.

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607   **(D)     Page limitation**

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609                   An application for reopening and a response to an application for reopening shall not  
610                   exceed ~~ten~~ fifteen pages, exclusive of affidavits and parts of the record.

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612   **(E)     Grounds for granting application**

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614                   An application for reopening shall be granted if there is a genuine issue as to whether the  
615                   applicant was deprived of the effective assistance of counsel on appeal.

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617   **(F)     Notice and appointment of counsel**

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619                   If the Supreme Court grants the application, the Clerk of the Supreme Court shall serve  
620                   notice on the clerk of the trial court, and the Supreme Court will do both of the following:

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622                   (1)     Appoint counsel to represent the applicant if the applicant is indigent  
623                   and not currently represented;

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625                   (2)     Impose conditions, if any, necessary to preserve the status quo during the  
626                   pendency of the reopened appeal.

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628   **(G)     Procedure after granting an application**

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630                   (1)     If the application is granted, the case shall proceed as on an initial appeal in  
631                   accordance with these rules except that the Supreme Court may limit its review to those  
632                   propositions of law and arguments not previously considered.

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634                   (2)     The time limits for preparation and transmission of the record pursuant to  
635                   S.Ct.Prac.R. 11.04 shall run from entry of the order granting the application. The parties  
636                   shall address in their briefs the claim that representation by prior appellate counsel was  
637                   deficient and that the applicant was prejudiced by that deficiency.

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641 **(H) Evidentiary hearing**

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643 If the Supreme Court determines that an evidentiary hearing is necessary, the evidentiary  
644 hearing may be conducted by the Supreme Court or referred to a master commissioner.  
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646 **(I) Supreme Court decision**

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648 If the Supreme Court finds that the performance of appellate counsel was deficient and the  
649 applicant was prejudiced by that deficiency, the Supreme Court shall vacate its prior  
650 judgment and enter the appropriate judgment. If the Supreme Court does not so find, it  
651 shall issue an order confirming its prior judgment.  
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655 1, 2013;\_\_\_\_\_

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658 **S.Ct.Prac.R. 12.04. Response to Complaint; Court Action.**

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660 **(A) Time to file response to complaint**

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662 (1) Except as provided by S.Ct.Prac.R. 12.08 and 12.09, the respondent shall file an  
663 answer to the complaint or a motion to dismiss within twenty-one days of service of the  
664 summons and complaint.  
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667 (2) If an amended complaint is filed under S.Ct.Prac.R. 3.13, and Civ.R. 15(A),  
668 the respondent shall file an answer to the amended complaint or a motion to dismiss  
669 within twenty-one days of the filing of the amended complaint.

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670 **(B) Responses**

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672 (1) The respondent may file a motion for judgment on the pleadings at the same time  
673 an answer is filed. The relator may not file a motion for judgment on the pleadings or a  
674 response to an answer.  
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677 (2) The relator may file a memorandum in response to a motion to dismiss or a  
678 memorandum in response to a motion for judgment on the pleadings within ten days of the  
679 filing of the motion.

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680 (3) Neither party may file a motion for summary judgment.

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682 (4) The Clerk of the Supreme Court shall refuse to file a response that is untimely or  
683 prohibited by this rule.  
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687 (C) **Supreme Court action**

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689 After the time for filing an answer to the complaint or a motion to dismiss, the Supreme  
690 Court will ~~either~~ dismiss the case ~~or~~; issue an alternative or a peremptory writ, if a writ has  
691 not already been issued; or deny the request for the writ.

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695 1, 2010; January 1, 2013;\_\_\_\_\_

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698 **S.Ct.Prac.R. 12.08. Expedited Election Cases.**

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700 (A) **Procedure**

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702 (1) Because of the necessity of a prompt disposition of an original action relating to a  
703 pending election, and in order to give the Supreme Court adequate time for full  
704 consideration of the case, if the action is filed within ninety days prior to the election, the  
705 respondent shall file an answer to the complaint within five days after service of the  
706 summons.

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708 (2) Unless otherwise ordered by the Supreme Court, and pursuant to the provisions of  
709 S.Ct.Prac.R. 12.07, original actions governed by this rule shall proceed as follows:

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711 (a) Relator shall file any evidence and a merit brief in support of the complaint  
712 within three days after the filing of the answer or, if no answer is filed, within three  
713 days after the answer was due;

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715 (b) Respondent shall file any evidence and a merit brief within three days after  
716 the filing of relator's merit brief;

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718 (c) Relator may file a reply brief within three days after the filing of  
719 respondent's merit brief.

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721 (3) Motions to dismiss and for judgment on the pleadings shall not be filed in expedited  
722 election cases.

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724 (B) **Reconsideration**

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726 A motion for reconsideration may be filed in an expedited election case. Any motion for  
727 reconsideration shall be filed within three days after the Supreme Court's judgment entry  
728 or order is filed with the Clerk of the Supreme Court. A memorandum in response may be  
729 filed within three days of the filing of the motion for reconsideration.

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733 (C) **Service of documents**

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735 All documents in expedited election cases, except those filed to initiate a case under this  
736 rule, shall be served on the date of filing by personal service, facsimile transmission, or e-  
737 mail.  
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741 1, 2010; January 1, 2013;\_\_\_\_\_

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744 **S.Ct.Prac.R. 13.04. Oral Argument.**

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746 (A) **Scheduling**

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748 (1) Oral argument will be scheduled and heard after the filing of objections and briefs  
749 to a final certified report filed by the Board of Commissioners on Character and Fitness,  
750 the Board of Professional Conduct, or the Board on the Unauthorized Practice of Law.

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752 (2) Division (A)(1) of this rule notwithstanding, in cases in which a party files  
753 objections to a certified report filed by the Board of Professional Conduct regarding a  
754 petition for reinstatement, a petition for revocation of probation, or in reciprocal discipline  
755 cases, oral argument will not be scheduled; however, the Supreme Court may order oral  
756 argument on the merits either sua sponte or in response to a request by either party. A  
757 request for oral argument shall be by motion and filed no later than twenty days after the  
758 objections and brief of petitioner or relator.

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760 (B) **Waiver of oral argument**

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762 (1) Any party may waive oral argument as provided for in S.Ct.Prac.R. 17.03.

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764 (2) Any party who fails to file objections or an answer and the accompanying brief as  
765 required by the Supreme Court Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio or the Supreme  
766 Court Rules for the Government of the Judiciary of Ohio shall be deemed to have waived  
767 oral argument.

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773 **S.Ct.Prac.R. 16.08. Prohibition Against Supplemental Briefing.**

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775 Except as provided in S.Ct.Prac.R. 3.13, ~~and S.Ct.Prac.R. 17.08,~~ and 17.09, merit briefs shall not  
776 be supplemented. If a relevant authority is issued after the deadline has passed for filing a party's  
777 merit brief, that party may file a citation to the relevant authority but shall not file additional

778 argument. In cases scheduled for oral argument, citations to additional authority may be filed  
779 pursuant to S.Ct.Prac.R. 17.08.

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783 2010; January 1, 2013;\_\_\_\_\_

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786 **S.Ct.Prac.R. 17.08. List of Additional Authorities Relied Upon During Oral**  
787 **Argument.**

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789 **(A) General**

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791 A party who intends to rely during oral argument on authorities not cited in the merit briefs  
792 shall file a list of citations to those authorities no later than seven days before the date of  
793 the oral argument. The party shall not file additional argument.

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795 **(B) Exception**

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797 If relevant authority is issued less than seven days before the date of oral argument, a party  
798 may file a citation to the relevant authority but shall not cite to any other authority that was  
799 issued more than seven days before oral argument. The party shall not file additional  
800 argument.

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