**AMENDMENTS TO THE**

**SUPREME COURT RULES FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE JUDICIARY OF OHIO**

 On November 13, 2012, the Supreme Court of Ohio adopted the following amendments to the Rules for the Government of the Judiciary (Rule III and VII) effective January 1, 2013.

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**RULE III. Disability Retirement, Removal, or Suspension of Judges.**

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**RULE VII. Duties of Judge Leaving Office.**

**Section 1. Notice of Intent to Leave Office Before End of Term.**

A judge intending to leave a judicial office before the end of the judge’s term of office, thereby creating a vacancy, shall do both of the following at least three days prior to leaving the office:

(A) Submit an original resignation from office letter to the Governor indicating the date the judge will leave the office;

(B) Submit an original notification letter to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court indicating the judge has submitted a resignation from office letter to the Governor and containing a copy of the letter.

**Section 2. Delivery of Property and Effects to Successor Judge.**

Upon leaving judicial office, a judge shall deliver to the judge’s successor all records; papers, books, and other instruments of writing; and other property and effects belonging to the court.

[Effective: July 1, 1983; amended effective October 1, 1986; January 1, 1988; January 1, 1993; June 22, 1998; January 1, 2013.]