

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE SUPREME COURT
RULES FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE BAR OF OHIO**

Comments Requested: The Supreme Court of Ohio will accept public comments until December 24, 2015, on the following proposed amendments to the Supreme Court Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio.

Comments on the proposed amendments should be submitted in writing to: Susan Christoff, Director of Attorney Services, Supreme Court of Ohio, 65 South Front Street, 5th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3431, or Susan.Christoff@sc.ohio.gov not later than December 24, 2015. Please include your full name and mailing address in any comments submitted by e-mail.

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1 **SUPREME COURT RULES FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE BAR OF OHIO**

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3 **RULE VI. REGISTRATION OF ATTORNEYS**

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5 **Section 1. Certificate of Registration and Registration Fee; Active Attorneys.**

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9 (G) The Certificate of Registration shall provide for a voluntary fee of \$50 for deposit
10 into the Attorney Services Fund and use to support civil legal aid programs in Ohio.

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12 (H) Except for residence addresses, residence telephone numbers, e-mail addresses, and
13 social security numbers, information maintained by the Office of Attorney Services, provided to
14 another office of the Supreme Court, or provided to the Ohio Legal Assistance Foundation
15 pursuant to division (F) of this section shall be a public record. The residence address of an attorney
16 shall be considered a public record if the attorney has not provided a valid office address to the
17 Office of Attorney Services.

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22 **RULE XII. PRO HAC VICE ADMISSION**

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26 **Section 2. Requirements for Permission to Appear Pro Hac Vice**

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28 (A) A tribunal of this state may grant permission to appear pro hac vice to an out-of-
29 state attorney who is admitted to practice in the highest court of a state, commonwealth, territory,
30 or possession of the United States or the District of Columbia, or who is admitted to practice in
31 the courts of a foreign state and is in good standing to appear pro hac vice in a proceeding.

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35 (3) Prior to being granted permission to appear pro hac vice by a tribunal, the attorney
36 shall have applied for registration with the Supreme Court Office of Attorney Services, paid an
37 annual registration fee of ~~\$150.00~~ \$300.00, and been issued a certificate of pro hac vice
38 registration. The application for registration shall include the following information:

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40 (a) The attorney's residential address, office address, and the name and address
41 of the attorney's law firm or employer, if applicable;

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43 (b) The jurisdictions in which the attorney has ever been licensed to practice
44 law, including the dates of admission to practice, resignation, or retirement, and
45 any attorney registration numbers;

46 (c) An affidavit stating that the attorney has never been disbarred and whether
47 the attorney is currently under suspension or has resigned with discipline pending
48 in any jurisdiction the attorney has ever been admitted;

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50 (d) A statement the attorney satisfies the requirements in Section 2(A)(1)-(2);
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52 (e) A statement that the attorney will comply with the applicable statutes, law and
53 procedural rules of the State of Ohio, and the rules, policies, and procedures of the
54 tribunal before which the attorney seeks to practice and will be familiar with and
55 comply with the Ohio Rules of Professional Conduct and the Rules for the
56 Government of the Bar.
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58 (4) Of the \$300 annual pro hac vice registration fee collected pursuant to Section
59 2(A)(3), \$150 shall be deposited into the Attorney Services Fund for use to support civil legal aid
60 programs in Ohio.
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62 (5) An attorney representing an amicus curiae in support of an indigent defendant in a
63 criminal matter may file with the Office of Attorney Services an application for a waiver of the
64 annual registration fee. The waiver shall not apply to other proceedings in which the attorney seeks
65 permission to appear pro hac vice.
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67 ~~(5)~~(6) An attorney may participate pro hac vice in no more than three proceedings under
68 this rule in the same calendar year the application is filed. In the event a proceeding continues to
69 the next or subsequent calendar years, the proceeding will not count toward the annual limitation.
70 An appeal from a trial court or court of appeals, an appeal of an administrative agency order or
71 ruling, a transfer of an action to a court of competent jurisdiction, or the consolidation of two or
72 more cases, where the attorney participated in the initial proceeding, shall not be counted toward
73 the annual limitation. Participation for the first time by an attorney at any stage during a proceeding
74 shall count toward the annual limitation.
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76 ~~(6)~~(7) The attorney may file a motion for permission to appear pro hac vice accompanied
77 by a copy of the certificate of pro hac vice registration furnished by the Office of Attorney Services,
78 and includes the following information:
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80 (a) The attorney's residential address, office address, and the name and address
81 of the attorney's law firm or employer, if applicable;
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83 (b) The jurisdictions in which the attorney has ever been licensed to practice
84 law, including the dates of admission to practice, resignation, or retirement, and
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87 (c) An affidavit stating that the attorney has never been disbarred and whether
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(d) A statement that the attorney has not been granted permission to appear pro hac vice in more than three proceedings before Ohio tribunals in the current calendar year pursuant to Section 2(A)~~(5)~~(6);

(e) The name and attorney registration number of an active Ohio attorney, in good standing, who has agreed to associate with the out-of-state attorney.

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[Effective: January 1, 2011; January 1, 2013; January 1, 2014;_____.]