

The Supreme Court of Ohio

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

October 25, 2024

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CONTINUING-LEGAL-EDUCATION MATTERS

Gov.Bar R. X and Gov.Jud.R. IV require all attorneys, acting judges, magistrates, and judges admitted to the practice of law in Ohio and each attorney registered for corporate status pursuant to Gov.Bar R. VI to complete the designated minimum hours of continuing legal education (“CLE”) for each two-year compliance period. Gov.Bar R. X(4) and Gov.Jud.R. IV(6) require attorneys, acting judges, magistrates, and judges whose last name begins with a letter from A through L to complete the CLE requirements on or before December 31 of each odd-numbered year.

Gov.Bar R. X(18)(A) provides that an attorney, acting judge, magistrate, or judge who fails to comply timely with the applicable requirements of Gov.Bar R. X or Gov.Jud.R. IV, but does so within 90 days of the December 31 deadline, shall be assessed a late fee in accordance with CLE Reg. 503.

Gov.Bar R. X(18)(A)(2) provides that an attorney, acting judge, magistrate, or judge who fails to comply with the applicable requirements of Gov.Bar R. X or Gov.Jud.R. IV shall be notified of noncompliance by the commission and that unless the attorney, acting judge, magistrate, or judge comes into compliance or files evidence of compliance that is satisfactory to the commission on or before the date set forth in the notice, the commission shall issue an order imposing a sanction authorized by Gov.Bar R. X(17) and consistent with CLE Reg. 503. On October 24, 2024, the Commission on Continuing Legal Education sanctioned 140 attorneys for noncompliance with the provisions of Gov.Bar R. X and Gov.Jud.R. IV.

The following attorneys were issued a monetary sanction for not completing the education hours required by Gov.Bar R. X(3) and not filing evidence of compliance or coming into compliance as required by Gov.Bar R. X(18). The sanction amount displayed in the last column is based on the hour deficiency.

Name	Attorney Number	County	State	Amount
Anthony James Baker	0079023	Adams	OH	\$300.00
Nadine Hauptman	0070810	Ashland	OH	\$225.00
John Weber Herr	0032207	Butler	OH	\$150.00
Kelley E. Broadwater	0084939	Carroll	OH	\$225.00
William Reed Groves	0009440	Clark	OH	\$75.00
James LaMar Caplinger	0033188	Clark	OH	\$300.00
Erin Sommer de la Mare	0085030	Cuyahoga	OH	\$300.00
Angela Dawn Krupar	0088273	Cuyahoga	OH	\$300.00
Matthew Rohrs Burkett	0092427	Cuyahoga	OH	\$300.00
Thomas David Corrigan	0022810	Cuyahoga	OH	\$300.00
Mary Lu Bencivengo	0013412	Cuyahoga	OH	\$300.00
Brandon Earl Brown	0097013	Cuyahoga	OH	\$300.00
Thomas Charles Fox Jr.	0058392	Cuyahoga	OH	\$300.00
Nathan John Hudak	0081666	Cuyahoga	OH	\$75.00
Issa Mohamad Elkhatab	0097662	Cuyahoga	OH	\$225.00
Tyler Stephen Bobes	0081475	Cuyahoga	OH	\$75.00
Sandra Linette English	0080244	Cuyahoga	OH	\$300.00
Marian Catharina Brumbaugh	0022137	Cuyahoga	OH	\$75.00
Leslie Johanna Hines	0083543	Cuyahoga	OH	\$225.00
Melissa Dawn Kline	0089903	Cuyahoga	OH	\$150.00
Robert Samuel Bauders	0034427	Cuyahoga	OH	\$75.00
James Howard Hewitt III	0012926	Cuyahoga	OH	\$150.00
DeAngelo Arsenio LaVette	0097629	Cuyahoga	OH	\$150.00
Edward Thomas Haggins	0022117	Cuyahoga	OH	\$300.00
Jeffrey Robert Froude	0075577	Cuyahoga	OH	\$300.00
Maria Eva Jukic	0082829	Cuyahoga	OH	\$75.00
Terry Michael Brocklehurst	0032520	Cuyahoga	OH	\$300.00
Cynthia Brayer Bagnell	0030036	Cuyahoga	OH	\$225.00
Donald Orville Kodger	0070055	Cuyahoga	OH	\$300.00
Daniel Adrian Leister	0089612	Cuyahoga	OH	\$225.00
Joseph Louis Coticchia	0018414	Cuyahoga	OH	\$300.00
Heath Alan Eby	0096925	Cuyahoga	OH	\$300.00
Jonathan Coltharp Breyfogle	0082439	Cuyahoga	OH	\$75.00
Jesse William Canonico	0076648	Cuyahoga	OH	\$300.00
John Paul Goldenetz	0020337	Defiance	OH	\$300.00
Erin Jahnell Hatton	0096562	Delaware	OH	\$300.00
Bryce Weston Burton	0088721	Fairfield	OH	\$300.00
Victoria Ellen Graham	0030454	Fairfield	OH	\$300.00
Robert Raymond Lech	0073078	Franklin	OH	\$300.00
Theresa Louise Hagen	0058580	Franklin	OH	\$150.00
Guillermo Andres Gascue	0102921	Franklin	OH	\$150.00
Randy Scott Kurek	0023325	Franklin	OH	\$300.00
Melvin James Davis	0079224	Franklin	OH	\$75.00
Brian Charles Forbes	0071507	Franklin	OH	\$75.00
Carl Nicholas Cottone	0075890	Franklin	OH	\$300.00
Hailey Caitlin Akah	0096120	Franklin	OH	\$75.00
Vincent A. Dugan Jr.	0025982	Franklin	OH	\$300.00
Stephen Michael Chinn	0095548	Franklin	OH	\$150.00

Jamie Rae Bailey	0099789	Franklin	OH	\$75.00
Jordan Matthew King	0092005	Franklin	OH	\$300.00
Harry-Todd Astrov	0047468	Franklin	OH	\$300.00
Martin Nobuhisa Baba	0056221	Franklin	OH	\$75.00
Aaron David Trant Laflin	0092239	Franklin	OH	\$300.00
Shannon Kristeen Benton	0072418	Franklin	OH	\$300.00
Molly Ann Hennessey	0040715	Franklin	OH	\$150.00
Richard Rings Hollington Jr.	0030781	Geauga	OH	\$150.00
Jennifer Williams Berlin	0067794	Geauga	OH	\$225.00
Stephen Paul Eyen	0025004	Guernsey	OH	\$300.00
Hal Roger Arenstein	0009999	Hamilton	OH	\$75.00
Emily Elizabeth Edwards	0100766	Hamilton	OH	\$150.00
Thomas William Jacobs	0043618	Hamilton	OH	\$75.00
Alvertis Walter Bishop Jr.	0025391	Hamilton	OH	\$225.00
John Kolawole Coleman	0070393	Hamilton	OH	\$75.00
Deborah Kay Gaines	0022454	Hamilton	OH	\$300.00
Stanley Joseph Litz	0009807	Hamilton	OH	\$300.00
James Erich Kastrup	0038190	Hamilton	OH	\$75.00
Stephanie Lauren Green	0093073	Hamilton	OH	\$225.00
Noel Benz Alden	0066482	Knox	OH	\$75.00
Susan Denman Lerner	0059892	Lake	OH	\$300.00
Catherine Michelle Brown	0066911	Lorain	OH	\$150.00
Gayle Kathryn Beier	0072479	Lucas	OH	\$225.00
Anne Elizabeth Eisenhower	0067322	Medina	OH	\$150.00
Adam Nathaniel Croumer	0087190	Montgomery	OH	\$300.00
Michael Richard Bassett	0079591	Ottawa	OH	\$300.00
Richard Joseph Badger	0005119	Portage	OH	\$300.00
Timothy Michael Kelly	0024528	Portage	OH	\$300.00
Jennifer Renee Harmon	0097852	Richland	OH	\$75.00
Joseph Lee Hale	0031835	Scioto	OH	\$75.00
Matthew Merritt Lewis	0092816	Stark	OH	\$150.00
Joseph Guardiolo Arriaga	0095474	Summit	OH	\$75.00
Michael Byron Bowler	0013026	Summit	OH	\$150.00
Patricia Ann Cosgrove	0033369	Summit	OH	\$300.00
David Charles Hipp	0017073	Tuscarawas	OH	\$150.00
Joshua Grant Burns	0074361	Warren	OH	\$150.00
Steven Wayne Caldwell	0080473	Warren	OH	\$225.00
Nathan Ronald Duvelius	0095144	Warren	OH	\$75.00
Aaron James Cook	0092969	Williams	OH	\$75.00
Parker Ebra Edmiston	0053658		AL	\$300.00
Bruce Roy Lowry	0010490		AZ	\$225.00
Scott David Finefrock	0078117		AZ	\$75.00
Kyle Richard Fath	0089808		CA	\$75.00
Rachel Lea Elwood	0097883		CA	\$225.00
Joseph Ernest Cavasinni	0064870		CO	\$300.00
Jason Thomas File	0079976		FL	\$150.00
John Steven Farrington	0032775		FL	\$300.00
Shannon Patricia Geller	0060106		FL	\$300.00
Eric Lamar Foster	0092722		GA	\$300.00
Nathan Joseph Allen	0075447		GA	\$300.00
Davi Leitao Kruger	0088615		GA	\$75.00

Peter Maurice Ellis	0070264	IL	\$75.00
Christal Dawn Henderson	0065588	IL	\$75.00
Daniel Peter Carmichael	0010087	IN	\$300.00
Matthew Joseph Kleemann	0077303	IN	\$75.00
Joseph Anthony Brossart	0070614	KY	\$75.00
Gregory Joseph Berberich	0043651	KY	\$150.00
Christopher Allen Griffin	0076991	KY	\$75.00
Matthew Tyler Hull	0079679	KY	\$300.00
Joseph Edward Conley Jr.	0012698	KY	\$150.00
Anthony Adams	0097525	MI	\$300.00
Harry Ingleson II	0061035	MI	\$300.00
Christian John Davis	0097432	MN	\$300.00
Brian Steven Braunstein	0014243	MO	\$300.00
Natalie Rene Gordon	0088261	NC	\$150.00
Terrence Gregory Linnert	0008247	NC	\$300.00
Christopher Joseph Keller	0091482	NY	\$300.00
Johnathan Morton Fox	0079548	NY	\$300.00
James Gerard Connolly	0058694	PA	\$75.00
Timothy Joseph Chiappetta	0086096	PA	\$300.00
Patrick William Carothers	0077164	PA	\$75.00
Nelson Hagan Crichton	0085772	PA	\$150.00
Matthew Scott Jordan	0089030	PA	\$75.00
Beth Ellen Hansen	0073467	SC	\$75.00
Christina Marie Liepold	0070085	TX	\$300.00
Rodney Lee Drinnon	0066935	TX	\$300.00
Shearon Paige Christopher	0066081	UT	\$300.00
David Jackson Lyon	0011035	UT	\$75.00
Steven Michael Emmert	0021768	VA	\$300.00
Patrick Terrence Gaffney	0051854	VA	\$300.00
Derek Allen Auito	0077129	VA	\$300.00
Richard Austin	0031709	VI	\$300.00
George Joseph Cosenza	0033075	WV	\$75.00

On October 24, 2024, the commission issued orders imposing monetary sanctions and suspending 9 attorneys for noncompliance with the provisions of Gov.Bar R. X.

The following attorneys were sanctioned and suspended for not completing the education hours required by Gov.Bar R. X(3), and not filing evidence of compliance or coming into compliance as required by Gov.Bar R. X(18). The attorneys were also out of compliance with Gov.Bar R. X for the previous 2018/2019 and 2020/2021 compliance periods. The sanction amount as displayed in the last column is based on the hour deficiency.

Name	Attorney Number	County	State	Amount
Carolyn Watts Allen	0033990	Cuyahoga	OH	\$225.00
Cory David Hoffman	0088771	Delaware	OH	\$300.00

Jeremy Daniel Davitz	0085052	Franklin	OH	\$300.00
David Charles Ahlstrom	0085784	Hamilton	OH	\$300.00
Michael Joseph Goebel	0080489	Summit	OH	\$225.00
Alfred Ray English	0060028		AZ	\$300.00
Simone Marie Denny	0071558		CA	\$300.00

The following attorneys were sanctioned and suspended for not completing the requisite hours required by Gov.Bar R. X(3) and not filing evidence of compliance or coming into compliance as required by Gov.Bar R. X(18). The attorneys also have not paid the prior commission-ordered sanctions issued for noncompliance in the 2020/2021 compliance period. The sanction amount as displayed in the last column is based on the hour deficiency.

Name	Attorney Number	County	State	Amount
Robert Allan Brdar	0032562	Cuyahoga	OH	\$300.00
Adam Peter Demko	0080083	Franklin	OH	\$300.00