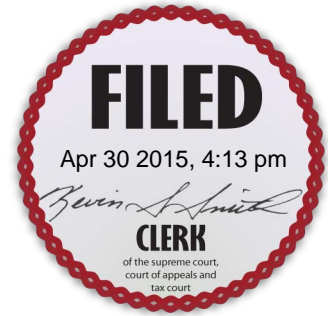


In the  
Indiana Supreme Court



CAUSE NUMBER: 94S00-1501-MS-00022

ORDER AMENDING INDIANA RULES FOR PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

Under the authority vested in this Court pursuant to Article 7, Section 4 of the Indiana Constitution providing for the admission and discipline of attorneys in this state, Indiana Rule of Professional Conduct 6.7 is amended to read as follows (deletions shown by ~~striking~~ and new text shown by underlining):

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**Rule 6.7 Pro Bono Reporting Requirement for Reporting of Direct Pro Bono Legal Services**

**(a) Reporting Requirement.** To assess the current and future extent of volunteer legal services provided directly to individuals of limited means and to encourage such services, an attorney must report ~~As a~~ part of each ~~the~~ attorney's annual registration the following information shall be reported:

(1) Pro Bono Hours - no compensation. During the previous calendar year ending December 31, I have personally provided approximately \_\_\_\_\_ hours of ~~reportable pro bono legal services for the previous calendar year ending December 31~~ legal services in Indiana or other states directly to individuals reasonably believed to be of limited means without charge and without any fee expectation when the services were rendered.

(2) Pro Bono Hours – substantially reduced compensation. During the previous calendar year ending December 31, I have personally provided approximately \_\_\_\_\_ hours of legal services directly to individuals reasonably believed to be of limited means at a charge of less than 50% of my normal rate and without expectation of any greater fee when the services were rendered.

(23) Financial Contribution. During the previous calendar year ending December 31, I have either (a) ~~made monetary contributions of~~ approximately \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the Indiana Bar Foundation, to any of the local IRC 501(c)(3) pro bono districts listed at the Indiana Supreme Court website ~~http://www.in.gov/judiciary/probono/2338.htm~~, or to a legal service organization located in Indiana that is eligible for fee waiver under I.C. 33-37-3-2(b); or (b) made an in-kind contribution of tangible property fairly valued at \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to one or more of the foregoing qualifying legal service organizations or pro bono districts.

~~(34) Exempt Persons. An attorney is I am exempt from reporting under this Rule who is exempt from the provision of pro bono legal services because he or she (i) I is am currently serving as a member of the judiciary or judicial staff, (ii) I am is a government lawyer prohibited by statute, rule, regulation, or agency policy from providing legal services outside my his or her employment, (iii) I am is retired from the practice of law, or (iv) I maintains inactive standing with the Clerk of the Indiana Supreme Court.~~

~~(b) Definitions.~~

~~(1) Reportable pro bono legal services are those legal services rendered directly to or for the benefit of persons reasonably perceived to be of limited means without charge or expectation of a fee by the lawyer at the time the service commences. For purposes of this Rule persons of limited means are individuals or families whose household incomes are up to 200% of the federal poverty guidelines.~~

~~(2) Reportable pro bono legal services performed in other states by a member of the Indiana Bar are reportable as pro bono hours in Indiana.~~

~~(3) Reportable pro bono legal services do not include legal services written off as bad debts, and they do not include services rendered to improve the law, the legal system, or the legal profession unless solely aimed at assisting persons of limited means.~~

~~(e) Reporting Required. While the professional responsibility to provide pro bono legal services is governed by Rule 6.1, the requirement to report voluntary pro bono service is governed by this Rule 6.7 and creates a mandatory reporting obligation, the violation of which may subject a lawyer to discipline. By requiring the affirmative reporting of pro bono legal services provided directly to an individual of limited means, this Rule 6.7 requires reporting only for a subset of the public interest legal service encouraged under Rule 6.1.~~

~~(d) Public Disclosure of Information Received. Information received pursuant to this Rule is declared confidential and shall not be publicly disclosed by the Indiana Supreme Court or any of its agencies, on an individual or firm-wide basis.~~

This amendment shall take effect immediately.

DONE at Indianapolis, on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

/s/ Loretta H. Rush  
Loretta H. Rush  
Chief Justice of Indiana

All Justices concur.