

IN THE SUPREME COURT, STATE OF WYOMING

April Term, A.D. 2026

*In the Matter of Amending Rule 6.1(b) of)
the Rules of Professional)
Conduct for Attorneys at Law)*

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**ORDER AMENDING RULE 6.1(b) OF THE RULES OF PROFESSIONAL
CONDUCT FOR ATTORNEYS AT LAW**

The Access to Justice Commission, by and through Bar Counsel for the Wyoming State Bar, and with approval from the Wyoming Judicial Council and the Board of Officers and Commissioners of the Wyoming State Bar has recommended the Wyoming Supreme Court amend Rule 6.1(b) of the Rules of Professional Conduct for Attorneys at Law. This Court finds the proposed amendments should be adopted. It is, therefore,

ORDERED that the amendments to Rule 6.1(b) of the Rules of Professional Conduct for Attorneys at Law, attached hereto, be, and hereby are, adopted by the Court to be effective August 17, 2026; and it is further

ORDERED that this order and the attached amendments be published in the advance sheets of the Pacific Reporter; the attached amendments be published in the Wyoming Court Rules Volume; and this order and the attached amendments be published online at the Wyoming Judicial Branch's website, <https://www.wyocourts.gov/>. The amendments shall also be recorded in the journal of this Court.

DATED this 17th day of June, 2026.

BY THE COURT:



LYNNE BOOMGAARDEN
Chief Justice

RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT FOR ATTORNEYS AT LAW

PUBLIC SERVICE

Rule 6.1. Pro Bono Public Service.

(b) In the alternative, a lawyer should voluntarily contribute \$500.00 per year to any existing non-profit organization which provides direct legal assistance to persons of limited means such as the ~~Equal Justice Wyoming Foundation~~ Wyoming Foundation for Civil Justice, Legal Aid of Wyoming, the University of Wyoming College of Law clinics, or some similar organization. The recommended donation is \$500 per year, although attorneys, or their firms donating in the aggregate, could consider a greater contribution informed by hourly billing rates, inflation, or other financial circumstances.

COMMENT.

[3] Persons eligible for legal services under paragraphs (a)(1) and (2) are those who qualify for participation in programs funded by the Wyoming Foundation for Civil Justice, Equal Justice Wyoming, Legal Aid of Wyoming and those whose incomes and financial resources are slightly above the guidelines utilized by such programs but nevertheless, cannot afford counsel. Legal services can be rendered to individuals or to organizations such as homeless shelters, battered women's centers and food pantries that serve those of limited means. The term "governmental organizations" includes, but is not limited to, public protection programs and sections of governmental or public sector agencies.

[9] Because the provision of pro bono services is a professional responsibility, it is the individual ethical commitment of each lawyer. Nevertheless, there may be times when it is not feasible for a lawyer to engage in pro bono services. At such times, or in addition to their pro bono service, a lawyer may discharge the pro bono responsibility by providing financial support to organizations providing free legal services to persons of limited means. In addition, at times it may be more feasible to satisfy the pro bono responsibility collectively, as by a firm's aggregate pro bono activities. Since 1998, these rules have suggested an annual contribution of \$500 without adjustment for inflation. Wyoming has a broad range of attorneys—from government lawyers to solo and small firm practitioners to large firms—each with unique financial circumstances. Attorneys, or their firms, may adjust their contribution(s) after considering circumstances such as hourly billing rate changes, overhead and other costs, tax considerations, inflation, costs or needs unique to their community, and personal concerns. In addition, at times it may be more feasible to satisfy the pro bono responsibility collectively, as by a firm's aggregate pro bono activities or aggregate financial support.