



Ohio Revised Code

Section 1357.05 Attorney requirements.

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(A) An attorney retained by a consumer in a legal claim shall not disclose confidential or privileged information to a consumer legal funding company without first obtaining written consent from the consumer and without first ensuring that the disclosure is not prohibited by court rules, a court order, or the rules of professional conduct adopted by the supreme court.

(B) No law firm or attorney that has a financial interest in a consumer legal funding company and no attorney whose family member has a financial interest in a consumer legal funding company shall do any of the following:

(1) Represent a consumer in any legal claim respecting which the consumer has entered into a consumer legal funding agreement with the company;

(2) Provide consumer legal funding directly to a consumer the attorney or law firm represents;

(3) Refer a consumer to the consumer's retained attorney in any legal claim respecting which the consumer has entered into a consumer legal funding agreement with the company.

(C)(1) The attorney or attorneys representing a party that has entered into a consumer legal funding agreement shall, at the time the associated claim is resolved, disclose the existence and contents of the agreement to the attorney general, in a form and manner prescribed by the attorney general, within fourteen days after any of the following:

(a) The related legal claim being settled, but only if the legal claim is filed in a court of competent jurisdiction prior to settlement;

(b) A final appealable order is entered by the court;

(c) An adjudication or order is entered indicating that the legal claim has reached the final stage at the trial court.

(2) Any party to a civil proceeding may seek a court order declaring that the trial has completed for purposes of division (C)(1) of this section. The court may take any necessary action to enforce the requirements of that division.

(D) Upon receiving a disclosure under division (C) of this section, the attorney general shall promptly publish the contents of the consumer legal funding agreements included in the



disclosure to the attorney general's publicly accessible web site. Prior to making the documents available, either on the attorney general's web site or in response to a public records request made under section 149.43 of the Revised Code, the attorney general shall redact all legally required confidential information from the disclosure, including any information that could provide the identification of the consumer.

(E) Any provision of a consumer legal funding agreement entered into, amended, or renewed on or after the effective date of this section that prohibits or limits discovery of the agreement or the parties to the agreement is void and unenforceable.
