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Supreme Court Amends Rules for Names of Law Firms

The Supreme Court has adopted amendments to the Rules of Professional Conduct removing the requirement that law firm names include the name of a lawyer and describe the nature of the firm's legal practice.

The Court, however, retained the requirement that a law firm trade name must not be "misleading, comparative, or suggestive of the ability to retain results."

The Court took its action based on a review of the Rules of Professional Conduct and Court Rules in order to ensure compliance with constitutional principles. The amendments were adopted on Sept. 9.