

**KENTUCKY BAR ASSOCIATION  
RULES OF THE SUPREME COURT OF KENTUCKY**

**PRACTICE OF LAW**

**SCR 3.130(7.50) Firm names and letterheads**

**(1)** A lawyer shall not use a firm name, letterhead or other professional designation that violates Rule 7.15.

**(2)** A law firm with offices in more than one jurisdiction may use the same name in each jurisdiction, but identification of the lawyers in an office of the firm shall indicate the jurisdictional limitations on those not licensed to practice in the jurisdiction where the office is located.

**(3)** The name of a lawyer holding a public office shall not be used in the name of a law firm, or in communications on its behalf, during any period in which the lawyer is not actively and regularly practicing with the firm.

**(4)** Lawyers may state or imply that they practice in a legal entity only if that is the fact.

**(5)** The name of a lawyer who is suspended by the Supreme Court from the practice of law may not be used by the law firm in any manner until the lawyer is reinstated. A lawyer who has been permanently disbarred shall not be included in a firm name, letterhead, or any other professional designation or advertisement.

HISTORY: Amended by Order 2009-05, eff. 7-15-09; prior amendments eff. 1-1-02 (order 2001-2; adopted by Order 92-1, eff. 8-1-92)

**Supreme Court Commentary**

**2009:**

With regard to paragraph (4), lawyers sharing office facilities, but who are not in fact partners, may not denominate themselves as, for example, "Smith and Jones," for that title suggests partnership in the practice of law.

**1989:**

With regard to paragraph (d) [now (4)], lawyers sharing office facilities, but who are not in fact partners, may not denominate themselves as, for example, "Smith and Jones," for that title suggests partnership in the practice of law. (Commentary from former SCR 3.130(7.5).)