

**Domestic Relations Benchbook Committee**  
Judicial Conference of Indiana

Meeting via Teams  
**January 5, 2022**

The Domestic Relations Benchbook Committee of the Judicial Conference of Indiana met via Teams on Wednesday, January 5, 2022 from 12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m.

1. Members present. Andrew R. Bloch, Molly E. Briles, Christopher D. Kehler, Marie L. Kern, Jeryl F. Leach, Michael J. Kramer, Thomas A. Massey, Karin A. McGrath, Cheyenne P. Shepherd, Catherine B. Stafford, Lisa L. Swaim, Jason A. Thompson and Judge Gregory A. Smith, Chair
2. Staff present. Jeffrey Bercovitz, Joseph Fischer and Angela Reid-Brown, Indiana Office of Court Services, and Elizabeth Fullen and Katie Wilson, Indiana Office of Court Technology, provided the committee with staff assistance.
3. Introduction of members. Judge Smith welcomed all committee members to this new committee. Members of the committee introduced themselves.
4. Use of Microsoft Teams. Elizabeth Fullen and Katie Wilson gave a brief overview of Teams for use by the committee.
5. Discussion of tasks. Committee members discussed revisions to the present Domestic Relations Benchbook and the development forms and procedures to be used by judicial officers in Indiana. They agreed to review the Benchbook to see on what forms and areas they may work on.
6. Future meeting dates. Members of the committee agreed by consensus to meet on Friday, January 28, 2022 from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m., remotely via Teams.
7. Other. The Juvenile & Family Court Judicial Officer Joint Conference will be held on Thursday and Friday, June 9-10, 2022 at the Renaissance Hotel in Carmel, Indiana.

Respectfully submitted,

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2. Staff present. Jeffrey Bercovitz, Leslie Dunn, Joseph Fischer, Noora Al-Nadheri, and Angela Reid-Brown, Indiana Office of Court Services provided the committee with staff assistance.
3. Minutes approved. The January 5, 2022 minutes were approved.
4. Committee review. Staff described the review of each chapter in the Domestic Relations Benchbook by members and the committee review of each chapter.
5. Assignments. Members of the committee volunteered for various chapters to review and to draft forms. Staff agreed to distribute each chapter in Word to the committee members and the portion of an Excel spreadsheet on the chapter from J. Stafford.
6. Use of Microsoft Teams. Staff briefly described the procedures to use the Teams application to place and review chapter materials. Staff showed the Odyssey domestic relations forms file in Teams. In addition, forms from Magistrate Hand would be placed on the application site.
7. Future meeting dates. Members of the committee agreed to meet again on Friday, February 25, 2022 remotely via Teams.

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Meeting via Teams  
**February 25, 2022**

The Domestic Relations Benchbook Committee of the Judicial Conference of Indiana met via Teams on Friday, February 25, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

1. Members present. Andrew R. Bloch, Molly E. Briles, Jeryl F. Leach, Christopher D. Kehler, Marie L. Kern, Michael J. Kramer, Thomas A. Massey, Karin A. McGrath, Cheyenne P. Shepherd, Lisa L. Swaim, and Judge Gregory A. Smith, Chair
2. Staff present. Jeffrey Bercovitz, Joseph Fischer, Noora Al-Nadheri, and Angela Reid-Brown, Indiana Office of Court Services provided the committee with staff assistance.
3. Minutes approved. The January 28, 2022 minutes were approved.
4. Committee review. Committee members reviewed Chapter 1 and reviewed a new Petition for Court Approval by Minor to Marry. They agreed to continue review of forms at their next meeting.
5. Assignments. The committee updated assignments by date.
6. Future meeting date. Members of the committee agreed to meet again on Friday, April 22, 2022 remotely via Teams.

Respectfully submitted,

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Meeting via Teams  
**April 22, 2022**

The Domestic Relations Benchbook Committee of the Judicial Conference of Indiana met via Teams on Friday, April 22, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

1. Members present. Andrew R. Bloch, Molly E. Briles, Christopher D. Kehler, Marie L. Kern, Thomas A. Massey, Karin A. McGrath, Cheyenne P. Shepherd, Catherine B. Stafford, Lisa L. Swaim, and Judge Gregory A. Smith, Chair
2. Staff present. Jeffrey Bercovitz, Joseph Fischer, and Noora Al-Nadheri, Indiana Office of Court Services provided the committee with staff assistance.
3. Minutes approved. The February 25, 2022 minutes were approved.
4. Committee review. Committee members reviewed Chapter 1 forms and Chapter 2. They agreed to continue review of chapters and forms at their next meeting.
5. Assignments. The committee updated assignments by date.
6. Future meeting date. Members of the committee agreed to meet again on Friday, July 22, 2022 remotely via Teams.

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**Domestic Relations Benchbook Committee**  
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Meeting via Teams  
**July 22, 2022**

The Domestic Relations Benchbook Committee of the Judicial Conference of Indiana met via Teams on Friday, July 22, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

1. Members present. Andrew R. Bloch, Molly E. Briles, Marie L. Kern, Michael J. Kramer, Jeryl F. Leach, Thomas A. Massey, Karin A. McGrath, Lisa Garcia Reger, Cheyenne P. Shepherd, Catherine B. Stafford, and Judge Gregory A. Smith, Chair
2. Staff present. Jeffrey Bercovitz, Joseph Fischer, and Noora Al-Nadheri, Indiana Office of Court Services provided the committee with staff assistance.
3. Minutes approved. The April 22, 2022 minutes were approved.
4. New member. Judge Smith introduced Magistrate Lisa Garcia Reger as a new member of the committee
5. Committee review. Committee members reviewed Chapter 3 procedures and forms. They agreed to continue review of chapters and forms at their next meeting.
6. Assignments. The committee updated assignments by date.
7. Next meeting. Members of the committee agreed to meet again in person on Friday, August 26, 2022 from 10:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in Fuse East, Capital Center, in Indianapolis, Indiana.

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Meeting  
**August 26, 2022**

The Domestic Relations Benchbook Committee of the Judicial Conference of Indiana met in person on Friday, August 26, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

1. Members present. Molly E. Briles, Christopher D. Kehler, Jeryl F. Leach, Thomas A. Massey, Karin A. McGrath, Lisa Garcia Reger, Cheyenne P. Shepherd, Catherine B. Stafford, Jason A. Thompson and Judge Gregory A. Smith, Chair
2. Staff present. Jeffrey Bercovitz, Joseph Fischer, and Angela Reid-Brown, Indiana Office of Court Services provided the committee with staff assistance.
3. Minutes approved. The July 22, 2022 minutes were approved.
4. Committee review. Committee members began review of Chapter 4 procedures and forms. They agreed to continue review of Chapter 4 at their next meeting.
5. Assignments. The committee updated assignments by date.
6. Next meeting. Members of the committee agreed to meet again via Teams on Friday, September 23, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. via Teams

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**Domestic Relations Benchbook Committee**  
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Meeting  
**October 28, 2022**

The Domestic Relations Benchbook Committee of the Judicial Conference of Indiana met on Friday, October 28, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

1. Members present. Andrew R. Bloch, Molly E. Briles, Christopher D. Kehler, Marie L. Kern, Michael J. Kramer, Jeryl F. Leach, Thomas A. Massey, Karin A. McGrath, Cheyenne P. Shepherd, Catherine B. Stafford, Jason A. Thompson, and Judge Gregory A. Smith, Chair
2. Staff present. Jeffrey Bercovitz and Joseph Fischer, Indiana Office of Court Services provided the committee with staff assistance.
3. Minutes approved. The September 23, 2022 minutes were approved as revised.
4. Committee review. It was agreed to separate mother and father paragraphs on the provisional order and include INSCCU language for child support payment. Committee members completed review of Chapter 4 forms. They began review of Chapter 5 and agreed to continue at their next meeting.
5. Next meeting. Members of the committee agreed to meet again in person on Friday, January 27, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Office of Court Services.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Bercovitz, Director  
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