

**Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee**  
**Domestic Relations Committee**  
Judicial Conference of Indiana

**Minutes**  
March 30, 2012

The Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee and the Domestic Relations Committee met at the Indiana Judicial Center on Friday, March 30, 2012 from 10:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

1. Members present. Larry L. Ambler, Thomas K. Milligan, Victoria M. Ransberger and K. Mark Loyd, Chair, Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee; and Thomas H. Busch, Richard G. D'Amour, Karen M. Love, Sheryl L. Lynch, Lynn Murray, Nanette K. Raduenz, Frederick A. Schurger, Debbie J. Shook, Dean A. Young and William C. Fee, Chair, Domestic Relations Committee; were present.
2. Staff present. Jeffrey Bercovitz and Jennifer Weber provided the committees with staff assistance.
3. Public present. Mr. Bob Monday, Children's Rights Coalition, was also present.
4. Minutes approved. The minutes of the July 22, 2011 Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee and the November 17-18, 2011 Domestic Relations Committee were approved.
5. Parenting coordination. Committee members from both committees discussed revisions and agreed to amend the parenting coordination portion of the Parenting Time Guidelines. They corrected internal references, revised the qualifications of the parenting coordinator and clarified the applicability of Trial Rule 65. All revisions for parenting coordination were approved.
6. Parenting time guidelines. Committee members from the Domestic Relations Committee revised the rules, guidelines and commentary portions of the Parenting Time Guidelines. Mr. Bercovitz reported the comment period for the parenting time guidelines ended March 26, 2012. Members of the committee made revisions based on comments about the parenting time guidelines, including:
  - a. Revision of the rules at the beginning of the guidelines, including removing the presumption rule and agreeing to use the existing presumption contained in the guidelines;
  - b. Agreement to add references to research on "high-conflict" parents to the Scope of Application;
  - c. Agreement to change references from "children" to "child" to be consistent throughout the guidelines and commentary; and
  - d. Review and revision up to B. Implementing Parenting Time.

7. Next meeting. Committee members agreed to explore next week meeting on Thursday, May 17, 2012 from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. in addition to the meeting scheduled for Friday, May 18, 2012. Mr. Bercovitz stated the Judicial Center could not pay for overnights, but would pay mileage, explore a per diem, and attempt to get rooms at the Hampton Inn at a reduced rate. Members of the committee agreed to meet again on Friday, May 18, July 20 and Aug. 17, 2012 from 10:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Judicial Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Bercovitz, Director  
Juvenile and Family Law

**Domestic Relations Committee**  
Judicial Conference of Indiana

**Minutes**  
May 18, 2012

The Domestic Relations Committee met at the Indiana Judicial Center on Friday, May 18, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

1. Members present. Thomas H. Busch, Richard G. D'Amour, Francis G. Hill, Karen M. Love, Lynn Murray, Nanette K. Raduenz, Frederick A. Schurger, Debbie J. Shook, and William C. Fee, Chair, were present.
2. Staff present. Jeffrey Bercovitz provided the committee with staff assistance.
3. Guests present. Angelica Carter, Jennifer Banack and Cynthia Longest, Child Support Bureau, Department of Child Services, and Lindsey Borschel, Division of State Court Administration, also attended the meeting.
4. Minutes approved. The minutes of the March 30, 2012 meeting were approved.
5. Parenting time guidelines. Committee members reviewed the Parenting Time Guidelines and commentary. Mr. Bercovitz distributed a few comments which arrived after the end of the period for public comment, which ended March 26, 2012. Members of the committee made revisions based on comments about the parenting time guidelines, ending at Section II., Specific Parenting Time Provisions, Introduction.
6. Presentation on SEA 18.
  - a. Cynthia Longest, Asst. Director, Child Support Bureau, DCS, explained ISETS will be modified to charge child support in accordance with SB 18. This legislation reduces the duty to support a child from 21 to 19 years of age, unless the child is emancipated at a different age or is disabled. She distributed a draft letter to custodial and noncustodial parents about the new law and a draft flyer/handout for Clerks and Prosecutors about the new statute. She agreed to share a summary fact sheet distributed about the new law to Clerks and Prosecutors with judicial officers.
  - b. Karla Mantia, Prosecuting Attorneys Council, distributed three draft forms they have recommended for use by self-represented litigants when they are seeking education expenses under the new law: (1) Notice of Hearing; (2) Appearance by Self-Represented Person, (3) Petition for Educational Expenses and instructions for these forms. She would like them to be on the website of the Division of State Court Administration for self-represented litigants. She also invited judges to attend a child support conference on June 13-15 where this new law will be discussed.
  - c. Jeffrey Bercovitz distributed a draft memorandum to courts about these and other efforts in this area. Committee members suggested revisions to the memo.

7. Presentation by Lindsey Borschel. Lindsey Borschel discussed changes to the Child Support Calculator based on SEA 18. Changes centered on the Post-Secondary Education Worksheet. Committee members thanked her for her efforts.
8. Next meeting. Committee members agreed to again on Friday, July 20 from 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., and August 17, October 19 and November 20, 2012 from 10:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Judicial Center.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Minutes**  
July 20, 2012

The Domestic Relations Committee met at the Indiana Judicial Center on Friday, July 18, 2012 from 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

1. Members present. Craig J. Bobay, Thomas H. Busch, Richard G. D’Amour, Francis G. Hill, Karen M. Love, Sheryl L. Lynch, Lynn Murray, Nanette K. Raduenz, Frederick A. Schurger, Debbie J. Shook, Richard R. Stalbrink and William C. Fee, Chair, were present.
2. Staff present. Jeffrey Bercovitz provided the committee with staff assistance.
3. Guest present. Stuart Showalter also attended the meeting.
4. Minutes approved. The minutes of the May 18, 2012 meeting were approved.
5. Parenting time guidelines.
  - a. Mr. Bercovitz discussed the history of the development of the parenting time guidelines. He distributed two public comments, which arrived after the last meeting.
  - b. Magistrate Raduenz distributed revisions to Section II., Specific Parenting Time, which were revised and approved by the committee.
  - c. Committee members agreed to discuss other revisions at the next meeting including year round schools, consistent times for Martin Luther King and President’s day, a holiday schedule reference in parallel parenting, and parenting coordination removal of “rule” references and other revisions.
6. Next meeting. Committee members agreed to again on Friday, August 17 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., and October 19 and November 20, 2012 from 10:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Indiana Judicial Center.

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**Minutes**  
August 17, 2012

The Domestic Relations Committee met at the Indiana Judicial Center on Friday, August 17, 2012 from 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

1. Members present. Craig J. Bobay, Thomas H. Busch, Richard G. D'Amour, Karen M. Love, Sheryl L. Lynch, Lynn Murray, Nanette K. Raduenz, Frederick A. Schurger, Debbie J. Shook, R. Scott Sirk, Richard R. Stalbrink and William C. Fee, Chair, were present.
2. Staff present. Jeffrey Bercovitz provided the committee with staff assistance.
3. Guest present. Robert Monday and Stuart Showalter also attended the meeting.
4. Minutes approved. The minutes of the July 20, 2012 meeting were approved.
5. Parenting time guidelines.
  - a. Committee members discussed a letter from the Supreme Court Committee on Rules and Procedures which outlined questions about the Parenting Coordination portion of the Parenting Time Guidelines. Members of the committee agreed by consensus to remove this portion of the guidelines. They agreed to remain as part of the process of the development of parenting coordination and also discussed the need for data on the parenting coordination process in Indiana.
  - b. Committee members made revisions concerning year-round schools, Martin Luther King and President's day, a holiday schedule reference in the parallel parenting sample order, and other revisions. They approved the Parenting Time Guidelines draft.
6. Next meeting. Committee members agreed to again on Friday, October 19 and November 20, 2012 and January 18, February 15, March 15, May 17, July 19, and August 16, 2013 from 10:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Indiana Judicial Center.

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**Minutes**  
November 16, 2012

The Domestic Relations Committee met at the Indiana Judicial Center on Friday, November 16, 2012 from 10:30 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.

1. Members present. Thomas H. Busch, Frances G. Hill, Sheryl L. Lynch, R. Scott Sirk, Richard R. Stalbrink, Elizabeth H. Tavitias, Dean A. Young and Lynn Murray, Chair, were present.
2. Staff present. Jeffrey Bercovitz provided the committee with staff assistance.
3. Guest present. Stuart Showalter also attended the meeting.
4. Minutes approved. The minutes of the August 17, 2012 meeting were approved.
5. New member. Judge Murray welcomed Elizabeth H. Tavitias, new committee member.
6. Parenting time guidelines.
  - a. Judge Murray reported the ADR Committee agreed to prepare Parenting Coordination guidelines for use by courts.
  - b. Jeffrey Bercovitz reported the Parenting Time Guideline draft was approved by the Board of Directors of the Judicial Conference of Indiana and transmitted to the Indiana Supreme Court for consideration.
  - c. Committee members reviewed and revised a Power Point on Parenting Time Guidelines. Judge Murray explained this would permit judges who make a presentation on the new guidelines to give out similar information.
  - d. Members of the committee discussed scenarios highlighting amended portions of the Parenting Time Guidelines for use at an educational seminar about the guidelines at the Spring Judicial College in April 2013. They each agreed to prepare a draft scenario for the January committee meeting.
7. New projects. Committee members discussed new projects for the committee before beginning work on a review of the child support guidelines in 2014. They include an update of the Domestic Relations Benchbook or a website similar to Arizona with alternative parenting plans. If the committee decides to revise the Benchbook, all committee members would review a chapter in advance of the meeting, and the Chair would assign homework by subsections within the chapter. The review would include statutes, case law and procedures, including trial rules.

8. Next meeting. Committee members agreed to again on Friday, January 18, February 15, March 15, May 17, July 19, August 16, October 18 and November 15, 2013 from 10:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Indiana Judicial Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Bercovitz, Director  
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