

**Domestic Relations Committee**  
Judicial Conference of Indiana

**Minutes**  
May 20, 2011

The Domestic Relations Committee and the Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee met jointly at the Indiana Judicial Center from 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. on Friday, May 20, 2011.

1. Members present. Karen M. Love, Sheryl L. Lynch, Lynn Murray, Nanette K. Raduenz, Frederick A. Schurger, and William C. Fee, Chair were present from the Domestic Relations Committee and Larry J. Ambler, Calvin D. Hawkins, Edward J. Nemeth, Victoria M. Ransberger, Randy J. Williams and K. Mark Loyd, Chair were also present from the Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee.
2. Staff present. Jeffrey Bercovitz, and Jennifer L. Weber provided the committee with staff assistance.
3. Guests present. Stuart Showalter, Indiana Custodial Rights Advocates was present.
4. Minutes approved. The minutes for the committee on March 18, 2011 were approved.
5. Parenting Coordination Rules.
  - a. Jeffrey Bercovitz distributed a draft Indiana Rules for Parenting Coordination with revisions from the Parenting Coordination Subcommittee. He distributed a compilation of comments submitted by the public. Magistrate Raduenz reviewed the draft rule, commentary and model order with the committee.
  - b. Committee members discussed whether a court should be permitted to appoint a parenting coordinator under certain circumstances without consent of the parties. Judge Williams moved to keep the language recommended by the subcommittee permitting the appointment of a Parenting Coordinator only upon consent of the parties. Judge Fee seconded the motion. The motion was passed.
  - c. The members of the joint committee discussed the draft rule, commentary and model order and agreed to various revisions.
  - d. Judge Hawkins moved to approve the draft Indiana Rules for Parenting Coordination as revised at this meeting, subject to any revisions recommended by the Parenting Coordination Subcommittee based on comments received through May 26, 2011. All revisions based on comments should be submitted to the full committee by June 1. An email vote must be approved by June 3 if any amendments to the draft are recommended. Judge Fee seconded the motion. The motion was passed.
6. Future meeting dates. Committee members agreed to meet again on Friday, July 15, August 19, and November 18, 2011 from 10:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Judicial Center. They also agreed to meet in conjunction with the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Regional Meeting in Indianapolis on Oct. 27-29, 2011 in Indianapolis.

Respectfully submitted,

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