

**In the
Indiana Supreme Court**



IN THE MATTER OF)
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JUDGE PRO TEMPORE IN)
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LAPORTE SUPERIOR COURT NO. 3)

Case No. 46S00-0905-MS- 221

**ORDER TERMINATING JUDGE PRO TEMPORE
AND APPOINTING SUCCESSOR JUDGE PRO TEMPORE**

On May 8, 2009, pursuant to Indiana Admission and Discipline Rule 25(V)(A), this Court issued an Order suspending the Honorable Jennifer L. Koethe, Judge of the LaPorte Superior Court No. 3, effective 12:00 a.m. May 11, 2009. Simultaneously, this Court issued an Order, pursuant to Ind. Trial Rule 63, appointing the Hon. Paul J. Baldoni as Judge *Pro Tempore* for the court. The Court is now advised by Judge Baldoni that he will not be able to continue serving as Judge *Pro Tempore* effective August 10, 2009. Accordingly, we find that in the interests of continuing the orderly administration of justice and pursuant to Ind. Trial Rule 63, a successor Judge *Pro Tempore* should be appointed to discharge temporarily the duties of the judge of LaPorte Superior Court No. 3. Further, this Court has been advised that Senior Judge Steven E. King is willing to serve as Judge *Pro Tempore*.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that Senior Judge Paul J. Baldoni is terminated as Judge *Pro Tempore* in the LaPorte Superior Court No. 3, and that Senior Judge Steven E. King is appointed as Judge *Pro Tem* in said court, both effective 12:00 a.m. August 10, 2009. This appointment will continue in effect until further order of this Court.

This Order shall be sufficient authority for Judge King to continue the employment of court personnel and otherwise discharge the duties of Judge of the LaPorte Superior Court No. 3.

Judge King shall be entitled to compensation for this service, paid by the State of Indiana, computed at the same rate as the regular judge commencing from the effective date of his appointment, pursuant to T.R. 63(D). Judge King's service as Judge *Pro Tempore* in this matter shall be counted as days of service as a senior judge.

The Clerk of this Court is directed to forward a certified copy of this Order to the Clerk of the LaPorte Superior Court No. 3, who is directed to enter this Order into the Record of Judgments and Orders; to the Hon. Jennifer L. Koethe, LaPorte Superior Court, 809 State Street, LaPorte, IN 46350-3429; to the Hon. Paul J. Baldoni; to the Hon. Steven E. King; to the Division of State Court Administration, payroll department; and to the Indiana Judicial Center.

DONE at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 16th day of July, 2009.

Acting 
Chief Justice of Indiana