



In the
Indiana Supreme Court

IN THE MATTER OF THE)
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APPROVAL OF LOCAL RULES) Case No. 57S00-0809-MS- 531
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FOR NOBLE COUNTY)

ORDER APPROVING AMENDED LOCAL RULE

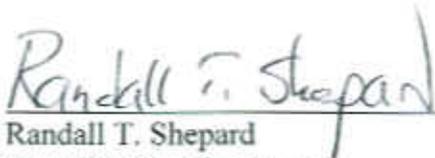
The Judges of the Noble Circuit and Superior Courts request the approval of an amended local rule for caseload allocation in accordance with Ind. Administrative Rule 1(E). Attached to this Order is the proposed amended local rule.

Upon examination of the proposed rule amendment requested by the Noble Circuit and Superior Courts, this Court finds that the proposed rule amendment, LR57-AR-1-1 complies with the requirements of Ind. Administrative Rule 1(E), and, accordingly, should be approved and posted in the county clerk's office(s) and on the county clerk's website, if any, and on the Indiana Judicial Website at least thirty (30) days prior to taking effect on January 1, 2009.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by this Court that amended Local Rule LR57-AR-1-1 for Noble County Courts, set forth as an attachment to this Order, is approved effective January 1, 2009. The Clerk of this Court is directed to post a copy of the amended rule on the Indiana Judicial Website at least thirty (30) days prior to January 1, 2009. The Clerk of this Court is further directed to forward a copy of this Order to the Hon. Michael J. Kramer, Noble Superior Court, 101 North Orange Street, Albion, IN 46701-1095; the Hon. G. David Laur, Noble Circuit Court, 101 North Orange Street, Albion, IN 46701-1095; the Hon. Robert Kirsch, Noble Superior Court, 101 North Orange Street, Albion, IN 46701-1095; and to the Clerk of the Noble Circuit Court.

The Clerk of the Noble Circuit Court is directed to enter this Order and attachment in the Record of Judgments and Orders for the Courts, to post this Order and attachment for examination by the Bar and the general public, and if available, to publish this Order and attachment on the county clerk's website at least thirty (30) days prior to January 1, 2009.

DONE at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 23rd day of September, 2008.


Randall T. Shepard
Chief Justice of Indiana

LR57-AR 1-1 Transfer of Cases and Caseload Allocation Plan

- (A) Pursuant to I.C. 33-5-37.5-13, a case may be transferred to another court within Noble County with the consent of the receiving court. Additionally, pursuant to I.C. 33-5-37.5-14, a judge of a court in Noble County may sit as judge of the Noble Circuit Court or Noble Superior Courts in any matter as if the elected Judge of that court with the consent of the judge of that court. Additionally, each judge may sit in the stead of the other judges of the courts in Noble County.

- (B) Criminal Cases:
 - 1. Criminal cases shall be filed as assigned under LR57 CR 2.2-1.

- (C) Civil Cases:
 - 1. All AD, AH, ES/EU, GU, TR, and pro se DR case types shall be filed in Circuit Court.
 - 2. All JD, JS, JP, JM, and MH case types shall be filed in Superior Court I.
 - 3. All SC, JC, and SC case types shall be filed in Superior Court II.

LR57-CR 2.2-1 Initial Criminal Case Assignment

The Prosecuting Attorney of Noble County shall file cases according to the classification of the highest level of offense charged in the information or indictment. If the highest level of offense charged is murder, capital murder, Class A felony, or Class D felony, the case shall be filed in the Noble Superior Court, Div. 1. If the highest level of offense charged is a Class B felony or a Class C felony, the case shall be filed in the Noble Circuit Court. If the highest level of offense charged is a misdemeanor or infraction, the case shall be filed in the Noble Superior Court, Div. 2.