The Indiana Supreme Court is the state’s highest court. It was established in 1816. There are 5 members; Chief Justice Loretta Rush, Justice Brent Dickson, Justice Robert Rucker, Justice Steven David, and Justice Mark Massa. The Justices are appointed on a merit basis and then stand for retention in a general election.

**Cases**
- 1.5 million cases were filed statewide in 2013
- The Supreme Court was asked to review about 970 of those cases
- The Court handed down 94 majority opinions

**Oral Arguments**
- Attorneys from each side argue in person before the Justices
- Each side typically has 20 minutes, no witnesses are called
- Arguments are open to the public and webcast (more than 890 are archived online)
- After deciding a case, all opinions are posted at courts.in.gov

**Agencies**
- 180 employees work for 8 Supreme Court agencies
  - Board of Law Examiners
  - Clerk of Appellate Courts
  - Commission for Continuing Legal Education
  - Disciplinary Commission
  - Division of State Court Administration
  - Division of Supreme Court Administration including Clerk of Appellate Courts
  - Indiana Judicial Center
  - Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program

**Other Information**
- The 5 Justices generally meet once a week to discuss the Court’s business (called court conference)
- The Judicial Branch makes up less than 1% of the state budget
- The Court posts information at Twitter.com/incourts and photographs at Flickr.com/incourts