In the
Indiana Supreme Court

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IN THE MATTER OF THE	)	
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APPROVAL OF LOCAL RULES	)	Case No. 45S00-1408-MS- 526
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FOR LAKE COUNTY	)	

ORDER APPROVING AMENDED LOCAL RULE

The judges of the Lake Circuit and Superior Courts request the approval of an amended local rule for special judge selection in accordance with Ind. Trial Rule 79. Attached to this Order is the proposed amended local rule.

Upon examination of the proposed rule amendment requested by the Lake Circuit and Superior Courts, this Court finds that the proposed rule amendment, LR45-TR79-15 complies with the requirements of Ind. Trial Rule 79, and accordingly, should be approved.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by this Court that Lake Circuit and Superior Court Local Rule, LR45-TR79-15, set forth as an attachment to this Order, is approved effective January 1, 2015, provided further that the rule shall be posted in the county clerk's office(s) and on the county clerk's website, if any, and on the Indiana Judicial Website.

The Clerk of this Court is directed to forward a copy of this Order to the Hon. Thomas P. Stefaniak, Jr., Lake Superior Court, 3000 West 93rd Avenue, Crown Point, IN 46307; to the Hon. Diane Boswell, Lake Superior Court, 2293 North Main Street, Crown Point, IN 46307-1854; to the Hon. Julie N. Cantrell, Lake Superior Court, 2293 North Main Street, Crown Point, IN 46307-1854; to the Hon. William E. Davis, Lake Superior Court, 232 Russell Street, Hammond, IN 46320; to the Hon. Calvin D. Hawkins, Lake Superior Court, 3711 East Main Street, East Chicago, IN 46312-2299; to the Hon. Sheila M. Moss, Lake Superior Court, 2293 North Main Street, Crown Point, IN 46307-1854; to the Hon. Clarence D. Murray, Lake Superior Court, 2293 North Main Street, Crown Point, IN 46307; to the Hon. George Paras, Lake Circuit Court, 2293 North Main Street, Crown Point, IN 46307-1854; to the Hon. John R. Pera, Lake Superior Court, 2293 North Main Street, Crown Point, IN 46307; to the Hon. Nicholas J. Schiralli, Lake Superior Court, 2293 North Main Street, Crown Point, IN 46307-1854; to the Hon. Diane Kavadias Schneider, Lake Superior Court, 2293 North Main Street, Crown Point, IN 46307-1854; to the Hon. John M. Sedia, Lake Superior

Court, 232 Russell Street, Hammond, IN 46320; to the Hon. Thomas W. Webber, Sr., Lake Superior Court, 15 West Fourth Avenue, Gary, IN 46402-1238; to the Hon. Elizabeth Tavitas, Lake Superior Court, 15 West Fourth Avenue, Gary, IN 46402-1284; to the Hon. Salvador Vasquez, Lake Superior Court, 2293 North Main Street, Crown Point, IN 46307-1854; to the Hon. Jesse M. Villalpando, Lake Superior Court, 232 Russell Street, Hammond, IN 46320-1877; to the Clerk of the Lake Circuit and Superior Courts; and to the Division of State Court Administration. The Clerk is also directed to post this Order on the Court's website.

The Clerk of the Lake Circuit and Superior Courts 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.

DONE at Indianapolis, Indiana, on August 11, 2014.

Brent E. Dickson
Chief Justice of Indiana

LR 45-TR79-15 Appointment of Special Judge

A. If a motion for change of Judge is granted in a case or an order of disqualification is entered in a case, and a special judge is not appointed and qualified as provided in Trial Rule 79(D), a special judge shall be appointed, on a rotating basis, from the current roster of judicial officers.

B. Each judicial officer shall have the option to be removed from consideration from some or all case types.

C. This rule shall have no application to the selection of a special judge in a Post Conviction Relief petition. The rules of Criminal Procedure and the Local Rules of the Lake Superior Court, Criminal Division, shall apply in said instance.

D. The current roster of judicial officers shall be maintained in the office of the Lake Superior Court Administrator (Administrator). When it becomes necessary to select a special judge from said lists, the following procedure shall be followed:

1. If a Special Judge is not selected in accordance with Trial Rule 79(D), the judge shall immediately contact the Administrator for the name of the next available judicial officer. The Administrator shall provide a name from the roster of current judicial officers. Selected judicial officers will be selected on a rotating basis.

2. The selected judicial officer appointed to serve under this local rule must accept jurisdiction unless disqualified under circumstances set out in the Rules of Trial Procedure 79(H). The order of appointment by the regular judge shall constitute acceptance. An oath or additional evidence of acceptance is not required.