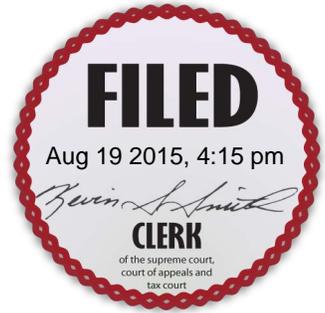


In the
Indiana Supreme Court



IN THE MATTER OF THE)
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APPROVAL OF LOCAL RULES)
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FOR BROWN COUNTY)

Case No. 07S00-1508-MS-489

ORDER APPROVING AMENDED LOCAL RULE

The Judge of the Brown Circuit Court requests the approval of an amended local rule for court reporter services in accordance with Indiana Administrative Rule 15. Attached to this Order is the proposed amended local rule.

Upon examination of the proposed rule amendment requested by the Brown Circuit Court, this Court finds that the proposed rule amendment, LR07-AR-15-ADMIN-15 complies with the requirements of Indiana Administrative Rule 15, and, accordingly, should be approved.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by this Court that amended Local Rule LR07-AR-15-ADMIN-15 for Brown Circuit Court, set forth as an attachment to this Order, is approved effective January 1, 2016.

DONE at Indianapolis, Indiana, on 8/19/2015.

Loretta H. Rush
Chief Justice of Indiana

LR07-AR15-ADMN-15 Court Reporter Services

Section One. Definitions. For purposes of this local rule, the definitions contained in Administrative Rule 15 shall apply.

Section Two. Court Reporter; Salaries and Per Page Fees.

- (1) Court Reporters shall be paid an annual salary for time spent working under the control, direction and direct supervision of their supervising court during any regular work hours, gap hours or overtime hours. Court Reporters shall be compensated for gap and overtime hours as set forth in the Brown County Human Resources Policies and Procedures as adopted and/or amended by the Judge.
- (2) Court reporters may charge a per page fee for preparation of transcripts if the transcripts are prepared on the court reporter's own time outside of any regular work hours, gap hours or overtime hours and are prepared using the court reporter's own paper and the court reporter's own supplies. This would include the ability to assign the transcript to a third party to transcribe or assist in typing the transcript. The total combined per page fee to be paid to the court reporter and/or third party transcriber shall not exceed the maximum per page fee set forth in this rule.
- (3) The maximum per page fee a court reporter may charge for the preparation of a county indigent transcript shall be Four Dollars (\$4.00); the court reporter shall submit a claim directly to the county for the preparation of any county indigent transcripts.
- (4) The maximum per page fee a court reporter may charge for the preparation of a state indigent transcript shall be Four Dollars (\$4.00).
- (5) The maximum per page fee a court reporter may charge for the preparation of a private transcript shall be Four Dollars (\$4.00), plus the actual cost of paper used at a per page cost.
- (6) The per page fee for expedited transcripts shall be \$6.00 with 24 hours notice and \$5.00 with three (3) days notice.

- (7) Binding and Exhibit and Index Volume Fees. An additional fee shall be added to the cost of the transcript for the time spent binding the transcript and preparing the exhibit and index volumes at an hourly rate based on one and one-half (1 ½) times the Court Reporter's hourly rate. This fee will only apply if the Court Reporter binds the transcript and prepares the exhibit and index volumes on the court reporter's own time outside of any regular work hours, gap hours or overtime hours using the court reporter's own paper and the court reporter's own supplies.
- (8) If a third party types the transcript for a per page rate equal to the maximum approved in this rule, the court reporter shall not be entitled to any additional per page fee, but with the approval of the Judge, shall complete the review and proofing of the transcript either:
 - during normal work hours using court equipment, paper and supplies without charging any additional fee whatsoever; or
 - on the court reporter's own time outside of any regular work hours, gap hours or overtime hours using the court reporter's own paper, and the court reporter's own supplies at an hourly rate based on one and one-half (1 ½) times the Court Reporter's hourly rate.
- (9) Each court reporter shall report, at least on an annual basis, all transcript fees received for the preparation of county indigent, state indigent or private transcripts to the Indiana Supreme Court Division of State Court Administration. The reporting shall be made on forms prescribed by the Division of the State Court Administration.

Section Three. Private Practice.

- (1) If a court reporter elects to engage in private practice through the recording of a deposition and/or preparing of a deposition transcript, and the court reporter desires to utilize the court's equipment, work space and supplies, and the court agrees to the use of the court equipment for such a purpose, the court and the court reporter shall enter into a written agreement which must, at a minimum, designate the following: