

In the
Indiana Supreme Court



IN RE THE INDIANA COMMERCIAL) Supreme Court Case No.
COURT PILOT PROJECT) 94S00-1601-MS-31

**ORDER ESTABLISHING
THE INDIANA COMMERCIAL COURT PILOT PROJECT**

After a study of commercial and business courts throughout the country, this Court determined that Indiana should encourage practices improving the management of cases involving Indiana businesses. Thereafter, the Indiana Commercial Court Working Group recommended guidelines for establishing and administering a commercial court pilot project.

The purpose of commercial courts is to (1) establish judicial structures that will help all court users by improving court efficiency; (2) allow business and commercial disputes to be resolved with expertise, technology, and efficiency; (3) enhance the accuracy, consistency, and predictability of decisions in business and commercial cases; (4) enhance economic development in Indiana by furthering the efficient, predictable resolution of business and commercial law disputes; and (5) employ and encourage electronic information technologies, such as e-filing, e-discovery, telephone/video conferencing, and also employ early alternative dispute resolution interventions, as consistent with Indiana law.

Accordingly, there is hereby CREATED the Indiana Commercial Court Pilot Project. The term of this pilot project shall not exceed three (3) years, commencing June 1, 2016.

It is ORDERED that the following judges shall participate in the Commercial Court Pilot Project:

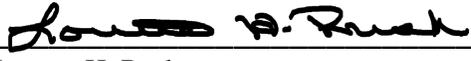
- Judge Craig Bobay, Allen Superior Court – Civil Division
- Judge Stephen Bowers, Elkhart Superior Court 2
- Judge Richard D’Amour, Vanderburgh Superior Court
- Judge Maria Granger, Floyd Superior Court 3
- Judge John Sedia, Lake Superior Court
- Judge Heather Welch, Marion Superior Court, Civil Division 1

It is ORDERED that the Indiana Commercial Court Working Group established by order of this Court will continue to provide guidance throughout the Pilot Project. Specifically, the Pilot Project will operate pursuant to guidelines adopted by the Working Group addressing case eligibility, assignment, and transfer; caseload and workload; commercial court masters; the publication of commercial court orders and statistics; and other relevant matters. The Working Group will provide biannual updates to the Court on the guidelines.

It is further ORDERED that Indiana Judicial Center shall provide staff support to the Commercial Court Working Group.

This Order is effective immediately.

DONE at Indianapolis, Indiana, on 1/20/2016.

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Loretta H. Rush
Chief Justice of Indiana

All Justices concur.