

In the
Indiana Supreme Court



IN THE MATTER OF)
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THE APPOINTMENT OF)
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JAMES D. KLEOPFER AS)
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SENIOR JUDGE IN THE) Case No. 40500-0602-70
)
JENNINGS SUPERIOR COURT)

ORDER APPOINTING SENIOR JUDGE

The presiding judge of the Jennings Superior Court has requested the appointment of Senior Judge James D. Kleopfer for service in that court for 2006, pursuant to Ind. Code §33-23-3-1.

This Court adopted revisions to Administrative Rule 5 on December 3, 2003, which made certain changes to the senior judge program in recognition of the importance of senior judges to the administration of justice in Indiana trial courts. Accordingly, we find that the Jennings Superior Court has demonstrated the need for additional judicial resources based on this court's most recent weighted caseload statistics. We find further that the presiding judge of the Jennings Superior Court would benefit from the appointment of senior judges to that court. Senior Judge James D. Kleopfer has been certified as a senior judge by the Judicial Nominating Commission for the calendar year

2006 pursuant to Ind. Code §33-27-4-1. This Court may re-examine the appointment made herein at a later date in light of weighted caseload statistics and other circumstances, and make adjustments accordingly.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that Senior Judge James D. Kleopfer is appointed to serve in the requesting trial court at the discretion of the requesting judge, effective **February 1, 2006**. This appointment shall remain in effect until **December 31, 2006**. The requesting trial court shall utilize no more than twenty (20) senior judge service days in the aggregate during the period ending December 31, 2006, and it shall be incumbent upon the presiding judge of that court to ensure that no more than twenty (20) senior judge service days are used. Pursuant to Ind. Code §33-23-3-5, the senior judge appointed by this Court in this Order may not be compensated as senior judge for more than one hundred (100) days in the aggregate during the 2006 calendar year.

The Clerk of this Court is directed to forward a certified copy of this order to the Honorable James Funke, Jr., presiding judge of the Jennings Superior Court; to the Honorable James D. Kleopfer; to the clerk of the Jennings Superior Court, for entry in the Record of Judgments and Orders; to the Indiana Judicial Center; to the Judicial Qualifications Commission; and to the Division of State Court Administration, Payroll Section.

DONE at Indianapolis, Indiana this 21st day of February, 2006.

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