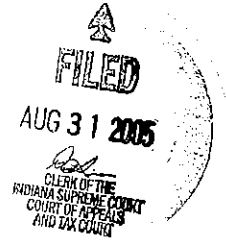


In the
Indiana Supreme Court



IN THE MATTER OF)
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THE APPOINTMENT OF)
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WALTER CHAPALA AS SENIOR) Case No. 46500-0509-MS-387
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JUDGE IN THE LAPORTE)
)
SUPERIOR COURT 1)

ORDER APPOINTING SENIOR JUDGE

The judge-appointee of the LaPorte Superior Court 1 has requested the appointment of Senior Judge Walter P. Chapala for service in that court for the remainder of 2005, pursuant to Ind. Code §33-4-8-1.

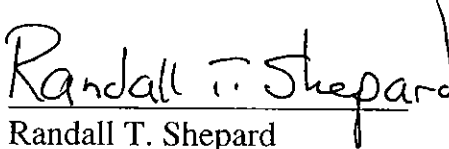
This Court adopted revisions to Administrative Rule 5 on December 3, 2003, which made certain changes to the senior judge program in recognition of the importance of senior judges to the administration of justice in Indiana trial courts. Accordingly, we find that the LaPorte Superior Court 1 has demonstrated the need for additional judicial resources based on this court's most recent weighted caseload statistics. We find further that the judge-appointee of the LaPorte Superior Court 1 would benefit from the appointment of senior judges to that court. Judge Walter P. Chapala has been certified as a senior judge by the Judicial Nominating Commission for the calendar year 2005

pursuant to Ind. Code §33-2.1-4-17, beginning September 1, 2005. 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 Walter P. Chapala is appointed to serve in the requesting trial court at the discretion of the requesting judge, effective **September 1, 2005**. This appointment shall remain in effect until **December 31, 2005**. Pursuant to Ind. Code §33-4-8-5, 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 2005 calendar year.

The Clerk of this Court is directed to forward a certified copy of this order to the Honorable Kathleen Lang, judge-appointee of the LaPorte Superior Court 1; to the Honorable Walter P. Chapala; to the clerk of the LaPorte 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 31st day of August, 2005.


Randall T. Shepard
Chief Justice of Indiana