

**STATE OF INDIANA – COUNTY OF GIBSON
IN THE GIBSON CIRCUIT AND SUPERIOR COURTS**

**Notice of Proposed Amendments to Local Court Rule
June 1, 2026**

In accordance with Trial Rule 81 of the Indiana Court Rules, the Gibson Circuit and Superior Courts hereby give notice to the bar and the public that the Courts propose to amend the Local Rule on Case Allocation Plan for the courts of record of Gibson County, effective January 1, 2027.

All new text is shown by underlining, and deleted text is shown by ~~striketrough~~. Supreme Court approval is required for Local Rules concerning Case Allocation Plan and will not take effect until approved by the Supreme Court.

Notice has been given to the public by posting on the website of the Gibson County Clerk and at the Indiana Judiciary webpage for Local Rules (<https://www.in.gov/courts/publications/local-rules/>), and by furnishing a copy to the officers of the Gibson County Bar Association. A paper copy of the proposed amended local rule(s) will be made available for viewing in the office of the Clerk of Gibson County, 101 N. Main Street, Princeton, IN 47670, during normal business hours.

The time period for the bar and the public to comment shall begin on June 3, 2026, and shall close on July 6, 2026. The proposed amendments to the rule will be adopted, modified, or rejected before July 31, 2026, and, if required, the final version of the rule will be submitted to the Indiana Supreme Court for review and approval not later than August 1, 2026.

Comments by the bar and the public should be made in writing to:

Hon. Robert Krieg, Judge of the Gibson Superior Court, Attn: Public Comment on Local Rules, Gibson County Courthouse, 101 N. Main Street, Princeton, IN 47670, wmatsel@gibsoncounty-in.gov.

DATED this 29th day of May, 2026 on behalf of the Judges of Gibson County.

_____/S/
Robert Krieg, Judge
Gibson Superior Court

LR26-AR1-04

Case Allocation Plan

(See Indiana Administrative Rule 8 and Indiana Rule of Criminal Procedure 2.2)
Unless otherwise required by statute, the Clerk of Courts and the Prosecuting Attorney of Gibson County, to the extent applicable, shall file the following cases in the following Court:

Gibson Circuit Court 1.) One half of all Level 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 felonies, CM's, Murder (MR/DP/LWOP) and PC's, except in all cases alleging a violation of the Ind. Title 9 Traffic Code if the most serious charge is a violation of the Indiana Title 9 Traffic Code. 2.) Mental Health (MH) 3.) All Adoption or Adoption History Petitions (AD) 4.) All Estates and Trust (EU, ES, EM and TR) 5.) All Guardianships (GU and GM) 6.) One half of all family law matters (new filings and previously filed cases- DC, DN, DR, **GV** and RS) 7.) All juvenile matters (new filings and previously filed- JC, JT, JD, JM, JS, JQ and JP) 8.) All Protection Orders. 9.) One half of all RF causes.

Gibson Superior Court 1.) One half of all Level 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 felonies, CM's, Murder (MR/DP/LWOP) and PC's. 2.) All cases alleging a violation of the Ind. Title 9 Traffic Code if the most serious charge is a violation of the Title 9 Traffic Code. 3.) All Infractions (IF) 4.) All Local Ordinance and Exempted Ordinance Violations (OV and OE) 5.) All Small Claims (SC) 6.) All civil actions (**CE**, CP, CT, PL, CC, EV, MF, MI, **RA**, TP and TS) 7.) All Problem-Solving Referrals 8.) One half of all family law matters (new filings and previously filed cases-DC, DN, DR, **GV** and RS) 9.) One half of all RF causes.

~~Magistrate of the Gibson Circuit and Superior Courts: The Magistrate of the Gibson Circuit and Superior Courts is assigned the following cases beginning July 1, 2021: 1.) Circuit Court cases: JC, JT, and RS, JD, JM, JS, JQ, JP, and all Circuit Court DC, DR, and RS cases involving the Prosecuting Attorney's Title IV-D Child Support Office or if the juvenile has been identified under IND. CODE §31-41-1-1 et. seq. as a dual status. 2.) Superior Court cases: DC, DN, DR, SC, CC, and EV. 3.) There may be instances in which the Magistrate may be assigned and/or hear other types of cases in the discretion of the Circuit and Superior Court Judges.~~

Other Filings: 1) Expungement petitions (XP) filed under IND. CODE §35-38-9 shall be filed in the court where the conviction occurred or was filed if no conviction occurred. If the Petition for Expungement involves convictions in both Circuit and Superior Courts, the petition shall be filed in the court with the highest-level case. If

a petition is filed under IND. CODE §35-38-9-1(a) (arrest with no charges ever having been filed), the Petition shall be filed in the Court which would have handled the most serious charge not filed. 2) All MI and MC causes may be filed in the court of choice.

(Amended effective ~~September 27, 2024~~ (_____, 2026))