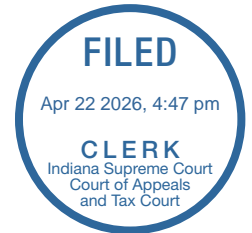


In the
Indiana Supreme Court

In the Matter of the Appointment of a
Judge Pro Tempore in Howard Superior
Court 4

Supreme Court Case No.
26S-MS-130



Order Appointing Judge Pro Tempore

The Honorable Hans S. Pate, Judge of Howard Superior Court 4, began a leave of absence on April 1, 2026. Senior Judge Michael S. Bergerson has expressed his willingness to serve as Judge Pro Tempore in Howard Superior Court 4 beginning on April 27, 2026.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that, pursuant to Indiana Trial Rule 63, Senior Judge Michael S. Bergerson is appointed Judge Pro Tempore in Howard Superior Court 4, effective April 27, and shall remain as Judge Pro Tempore until further order of this Court.

This Order shall be sufficient authority for Senior Judge Bergerson to continue the employment of court personnel and otherwise discharge the duties of Judge of Howard Superior Court 4 until further order of this Court. Senior Judge Bergerson shall be entitled to compensation for his service, paid by the State of Indiana, computed at the same rate as the regular judge commencing from the effective date of his appointment, pursuant to Trial Rule 63(D).

Done at Indianapolis, Indiana, on 4/22/2026 .

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Loretta H. Rush". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Loretta H. Rush
Chief Justice of Indiana