In the Indiana Supreme Court



In the Matter of the Appointment of Senior Judges and Allocating Service Days for 2022

Supreme Court Case No. 21S-MS-557

Order Appointing Senior Judges and Allocating Senior Judge Service Days

Administrative Rule 5(B)(1) provides that the Supreme Court may appoint all senior judges certified by the Judicial Nominating Commission to serve in the Court of Appeals, the Tax Court, a circuit, a superior, or a probate court.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that all senior judges certified by the Judicial Nominating Commission for service in 2022 are appointed to serve in the Court of Appeals, the Tax Court, or any circuit, superior, or probate court during 2022.

Administrative Rule 5(B)(2) provides that each year the Supreme Court shall fix the number of senior judge days each court may use, based on the recommendation of the Chief Administrative Officer of the Indiana Office of Judicial Administration, using the weighted caseload (WCL) measurement system, the annual statistical reports, and other relevant criteria. In addition to weighted caseload numbers, the allocation of senior judge service days will now also consider committee and judicial conference assignments, prior usage, medical needs, and other factors. Judges with individual needs, who are unhappy with their initial allotment should contact Heather R. Falks with the Office of General Counsel; those requests will be addressed on March 1, 2022.

Senior Judges are an important resource available to trial court judges to manage their caseloads. Last year, each court was allotted an additional fifteen days to utilize senior judges to address COVID-19 backlogs, raising the baseline number of days last year from fifteen to thirty. The baseline for 2022 reverts to fifteen days, but the Court wishes to continue encouraging the use of senior judges as a resource where backlogs persist. Any court needing additional days to implement plans to utilize senior judges for case backlogs should contact the Office of Judicial Administration as explained below.

Requests for Additional Days. The burden is on the judges to ensure that their use of senior judge days does not exceed their annual allotment as specified in the attached spreadsheet. Some courts have exceeded their senior judge allotment without first seeking additional days and this practice should be minimized. As a result, requests for additional days will need to be formally requested prior to the court exceeding its annual allotment.

Additional allotments will not be made prior to March 1, 2022, unless there is an urgent need demonstrated. Senior judges are required to provide trial courts a statement of service to assist

courts in tracking senior judge usage. Additionally, the senior judge webpage provides a spreadsheet noting senior judge days that have been reported for each court. We encourage judges to make use of these resources to track their usage of senior judges. Written requests for additional days shall be made via the General Counsel's office by e-mailing heather.falks@courts.in.gov, providing detailed information on new or changed circumstances necessitating additional senior judge service days. Requests for additional senior judge service days made after the court's allotment has already been exceeded will be frowned upon and may be denied.

Coverage of Suspensions. Senior judges may be used to cover suspensions that occur as a result of a disciplinary action. It is the suspended judge's responsibility to coordinate coverage of a suspension with the eligible pool of senior judges. It is also the responsibility of the suspended judge to ensure that his or her court has the requisite number of senior judge days to cover the suspension and to request additional days if necessary to cover the entirety of their suspension. A suspended judge will be required to use any remaining senior judge days from their 2022 allocation prior to being granted additional days to cover a suspension, then upon request additional days will be granted to cover the remainder of the suspension. This Court will not automatically grant requests for additional senior judge days for vacation or other personal matters following a suspension.

Senior Judge Portal. The senior judge portal is now available via the INcite application. The portal can be accessed by logging into INcite. Once logged-in the senior judge portal should appear on the right-hand side of your dashboard. The portal contains a profile providing the contact information, experience, and preferences for each senior judge. If the senior judge portal does not appear on your INcite account, please contact heather.falks@courts.in.gov.

IT IS, THEREFORE, FURTHER ORDERED that each court may use the number of senior judge days specified in the attached spreadsheet without any additional request to this Court. It shall be incumbent upon the presiding judge of each court to ensure that his/her court complies with the senior judge day limits set out above. In those counties with unified courts and authority vested in the chief judge to allocate senior judge service days, the total number of senior judge service days allocated to the unified courts may be assigned by the chief judge to the various courts without reference to the limitations imposed upon individual courts by this Order. All such reassignments of senior judge service days shall be reported to the Chief Administrative Officer by emailing the General Counsel's office at heather.falks@courts.in.gov.

IT IS, FURTHER ORDERED that the Court of Appeals and the Tax Court may utilize such senior judge service days as is reasonably necessary to conduct the business of the Courts.

Done at Indianapolis, Indiana, on 12/14/2021

Louis A. Ruch

Loretta H. Rush Chief Justice of Indiana

Allocation of Senior Judge Days

County	Court Code	Court	Days
County	Couc	Court	Days
ADAMS	01C01	Circuit Court	25
ADAMS	01D01	Superior Court	15
ALLEN	02C01	Circuit Court	15
ALLEN	02D01	Superior Court 1	15
ALLEN	02D02	Superior Court 2	15
ALLEN	02D03	Superior Court 3	15
ALLEN	02D04	Superior Court 4	45
ALLEN	02D05	Superior Court 5	45
ALLEN	02D06	Superior Court 6	45
ALLEN	02D07	Superior Court 7	25
ALLEN	02D08	Superior Court 8	45
ALLEN	02D09	Superior Court 9	25
BARTHOLOMEW	03C01	Circuit Court	30
BARTHOLOMEW	03D01	Superior Court 1	45
BARTHOLOMEW	03D02	Superior Court 2	25
BENTON	04C01	Circuit Court	15
BLACKFORD	05C01	Circuit Court	15
BLACKFORD	05D01	Superior Court	15
BOONE	06C01	Circuit Court	15
BOONE	06D01	Superior Court 1	50
BOONE	06D02	Superior Court 2	15
BROWN	07C01	Circuit Court	15
CARROLL	08C01	Circuit Court	15
CARROLL	08D01	Superior Court	15
CASS	09C01	Circuit Court	35
CASS	09D01	Superior Court 1	35
CASS	09D02	Superior Court 2	15
CLARK	10C01	Circuit Court 1	45
CLARK	10C02	Circuit Court 2	35
CLARK	10C03	Circuit Court 3	30
CLARK	10C04	Circuit Court 4	40
CLAY	11C01	Circuit Court	45
CLAY	11D01	Superior Court	15
CLINTON	12C01	Circuit Court	45
CLINTON	12D01	Superior Court	35
CRAWFORD	13C01	Circuit Court	15
DAVIESS	14C01	Circuit Court	15
DAVIESS	14D01	Superior Court	45
DEARBORN	15C01	Circuit Court	15

DEARBORN	15D01	Superior Court 1	30
DEARBORN	15D02	Superior Court 2	30
DECATUR	16C01	Circuit Court	45
DECATUR	16D01	Superior Court	45
DEKALB	17C01	Circuit Court	15
DEKALB	17D01	Superior Court 1	30
DEKALB	17D02	Superior Court 2	15
DELAWARE	18C01	Circuit Court 1	15
DELAWARE	18C02	Circuit Court 2	15
DELAWARE	18C03	Circuit Court 3	25
DELAWARE	18C04	Circuit Court 4	45
DELAWARE	18C05	Circuit Court 5	35
DUBOIS	19C01	Circuit Court	45
DUBOIS	19D01	Superior Court	25
ELKHART	20C01	Circuit Court	35
ELKHART	20D01	Superior Court 1	15
ELKHART	20D02	Superior Court 2	25
ELKHART	20D03	Superior Court 3	25
ELKHART	20D04	Superior Court 4	45
ELKHART	20D05	Superior Court 5	25
ELKHART	20D06	Superior Court 6	45
FAYETTE	21C01	Circuit Court	25
FAYETTE	21D01	Superior Court	15
FLOYD	22C01	Circuit Court	25
FLOYD	22D01	Superior Court 1	30
FLOYD	22D02	Superior Court 2	25
FLOYD	22D03	Superior Court 3	20
FOUNTAIN	23C01	Circuit Court	15
FRANKLIN	24C01	Circuit Court 1	15
FRANKLIN	24C02	Circuit Court 2	15
FULTON	25C01	Circuit Court	15
FULTON	25D01	Superior Court	15
GIBSON	26C01	Circuit Court	45
GIBSON	26D01	Superior Court	35
GRANT	27C01	Circuit Court	30
GRANT	27D01	Superior Court 1	15
GRANT	27D02	Superior Court 2	35
GRANT	27D03	Superior Court 3	25
GREENE	28C01	Circuit Court	15
GREENE	28D01	Superior Court	20
HAMILTON	29C01	Circuit Court	45
HAMILTON	29D01	Superior Court 1	45
HAMILTON	29D02	Superior Court 2	45
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HAMILTON	29D03	Superior Court 3	45
HAMILTON	29D04	Superior Court 4	35
HAMILTON	29D05	Superior Court 5	45
HAMILTON	29D06	Superior Court 6	25
HAMILTON	29D06	Superior Court 7	30
HANCOCK	30C01	Circuit Court	25
HANCOCK	30D01	Superior Court 1	15
HANCOCK	30D02	Superior Court 2	35
HARRISON	31C01	Circuit Court	15
HARRISON	31D01	Superior Court	50
HENDRICKS	32C01	Circuit Court	35
HENDRICKS	32D01	Superior Court 1	15
HENDRICKS	32D02	Superior Court 2	15
HENDRICKS	32D03	Superior Court 3	30
HENDRICKS	32D04	Superior Court 4	15
HENDRICKS	32D05	Superior Court 5	25
HENRY	33C01	Circuit Court 1	25
HENRY	33C02	Circuit Court 2	25
HENRY	33C03	Circuit Court 3	25
HOWARD	34C01	Circuit Court	45
HOWARD	34D01	Superior Court 1	45
HOWARD	34D02	Superior Court 2	45
HOWARD	34D03	Superior Court 3	45
HOWARD	34D04	Superior Court 4	35
HUNTINGTON	35C01	Circuit Court	45
HUNTINGTON	35D01	Superior Court	15
JACKSON	36C01	Circuit Court	45
JACKSON	36D01	Superior Court 1	20
JACKSON	36D02	Superior Court 2	15
JASPER	37C01	Circuit Court	15
JASPER	37D01	Superior Court	30
JAY	38C01	Circuit Court	15
JAY	38D01	Superior Court	15
JEFFERSON	39C01	Circuit Court	35
JEFFERSON	39D01	Superior Court	35
JENNINGS	40C01	Circuit Court	25
JENNINGS	40D01	Superior Court	45
JOHNSON	41C01	Circuit Court	35
JOHNSON	41D01	Superior Court 1	15
JOHNSON	41D02	Superior Court 2	25
JOHNSON	41D03	Superior Court 3	25
JOHNSON	41D04	Superior Court 4	25
KNOX	42C01	Circuit Court	45

KNOX	42D01	Superior Court 1	45
KNOX	42D02	Superior Court 2	45
KOSCIUSKO	43C01	Circuit Court	25
KOSCIUSKO	43D01	Superior Court 1	45
KOSCIUSKO	43D02	Superior Court 2	25
KOSCIUSKO	43D03	Superior Court 3	40
KOSCIUSKO	43D04	Superior Court 4	15
LAGRANGE	44C01	Circuit Court	15
LAGRANGE	44D01	Superior Court	25
LAKE	45C01	Circuit Court	25
LAKE	45D01	Superior Court, Civil 1	15
LAKE	45D02	Superior Court, Civil 2	35
LAKE	45D03	Superior Court, Civil 3	20
LAKE	45D04	Superior Court, Civil 4	15
LAKE	45D05	Superior Court, Civil 5	20
		Superior Court, Juvenile	
LAKE	45D06	Division	15
LAKE	45D07	Superior Court, County 1	15
LAKE	45D08	Superior Court, County 2	15
LAKE	45D09	Superior Court, County 3	15
LAKE	45D10	Superior Court, Civil 6	30
LAKE	45D11	Superior Court, Civil 7	15
LAKE	45D12	Superior Court, County 4	15
LAKE	45G01	Superior Court, Criminal 1	25
LAKE	45G02	Superior Court, Criminal 2	15
LAKE	45G03	Superior Court, Criminal 3	15
LAKE	45G04	Superior Court, Criminal 4	15
LAPORTE	46C01	Circuit Court	15
LAPORTE	46D01	Superior Court 1	30
LAPORTE	46D02	Superior Court 2	45
LAPORTE	46D03	Superior Court 3	25
LAPORTE	46D04	Superior Court 4	20
LAWRENCE	47C01	Circuit Court	35
LAWRENCE	47D01	Superior Court 1	45
LAWRENCE	47D02	Superior Court 2	45
MADISON	48C01	Circuit Court 1	15
MADISON	48C02	Circuit Court 2	30
MADISON	48C03	Circuit Court 3	15
MADISON	48C04	Circuit Court 4	25
MADISON	48C05	Circuit Court 5	30
MADISON	48C06	Circuit Court 6	20
MARION	49C01	Circuit Court	30
MARION	49D01	Superior 1	20

MARION	49D02	Superior 2	15
MARION	49D03	Superior 3	15
MARION	49D04	Superior 4	15
MARION	49D05	Superior 5	15
MARION	49D06	Superior 6	15
MARION	49D07	Superior 7	15
MARION	49D08	Superior 8, Probate	25
MARION	49D09	Superior 9, Juvenile Division	15
MARION	49D10	Superior 10	15
MARION	49D11	Superior11	15
MARION	49D12	Superior 12	15
MARION	49D13	Superior 13	20
MARION	49D14	Superior 14	15
MARION	49D15	Superior 15 Juvenile Division	15
MARION	49D16	Superior 16	15
MARION	49D17	Superior 17	15
MARION	49D18	Superior 18	15
MARION	49D19	Superior 19	20
MARION	49D20	Superior 20	15
MARION	49D21	Superior 21	15
MARION	49D22	Superior 22, Traffic Court	45
MARION	49D23	Superior 23	20
MARION	49D24	Superior 24	20
MARION	49D25	Superior 25	15
MARION	49D26	Superior 26	15
MARION	49D27	Superior 27	15
MARION	49D28	Superior 28	15
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MARION	49D31	Superior 31	15
MARION	49D32	Superior 32	25
MARION	49D33	Superior 33	20
MARION	49D34	Superior 34	15
MARION	49D35	Superior 35	15
MARION	49D36	Superior 36	15
MARSHALL	50C01	Circuit Court	15
MARSHALL	50D01	Superior Court 1	45
MARSHALL	50D02	Superior Court 2	35
MARSHALL	50D03	Superior Court 3	40
MARTIN	51C01	Circuit Court	15
MIAMI	52C01	Circuit Court	15
MIAMI	52D01	Superior Court 1	25
MIAMI	52D02	Superior Court 2	15

MONROE	53C01	Circuit Court 1	15
MONROE	53C02	Circuit Court 2	35
MONROE	53C03	Circuit Court 3	35
MONROE	53C04	Circuit Court 4	15
MONROE	53C05	Circuit Court 5	45
MONROE	53C06	Circuit Court 6	15
MONROE	53C07	Circuit Court 7	15
MONROE	53C08	Circuit Court 8	15
MONROE	53C09	Circuit Court 9	25
MONTGOMERY	54C01	Circuit Court	15
MONTGOMERY	54D01	Superior Court 1	35
MONTGOMERY	54D02	Superior Court 2	15
MORGAN	55C01	Circuit Court	15
MORGAN	55D01	Superior Court 1	15
MORGAN	55D02	Superior Court 2	15
MORGAN	55D03	Superior Court 3	25
NEWTON	56C01	Circuit Court	15
NEWTON	56D01	Superior Court	15
NOBLE	57C01	Circuit Court	35
NOBLE	57D01	Superior Court 1	30
NOBLE	57D02	Superior Court 2	15
OHIO	58C01	Circuit Court	15
ORANGE	59C01	Circuit Court	15
ORANGE	59D01	Superior Court	15
OWEN	60C01	Circuit Court 1	15
OWEN	60C02	Circuit Court 2	15
PARKE	61C01	Circuit Court	35
PERRY	62C01	Circuit Court	15
PIKE	63C01	Circuit Court	15
PORTER	64C01	Circuit Court	25
PORTER	64D01	Superior Court 1	15
PORTER	64D02	Superior Court 2	15
PORTER	64D03	Superior Court 3	25
PORTER	64D04	Superior Court 4	30
PORTER	64D06	Superior Court 6	15
POSEY	65C01	Circuit Court	15
POSEY	65D01	Superior Court	15
PULASKI	66C01	Circuit Court	15
PULASKI	66D01	Superior Court	15
PUTNAM	67C01	Circuit Court	35
PUTNAM	67D01	Superior Court	35
RANDOLPH	68C01	Circuit Court	15
RANDOLPH	68D01	Superior Court	15
MANDOLITI	30001	Superior Court	13

RIPLEY	69C01	Circuit Court	15
RIPLEY	69D01	Superior Court	15
RUSH	70C01	Circuit Court	15
RUSH	70D01	Superior Court	15
ST. JOSEPH	71C01	Circuit Court	15
ST. JOSEPH	71D01	Superior Court 1	40
ST. JOSEPH	71D02	Superior Court 2	15
ST. JOSEPH	71D03	Superior Court 3	15
ST. JOSEPH	71D04	Superior Court 4	30
ST. JOSEPH	71D05	Superior Court 5	25
ST. JOSEPH	71D06	Superior Court 6	30
ST. JOSEPH	71D07	Superior Court 7	30
ST. JOSEPH	71D08	Superior Court 8	15
ST. JOSEPH	71J01	Probate Court	15
SCOTT	72C01	Circuit Court	15
SCOTT	72D01	Superior Court	15
SHELBY	73C01	Circuit Court	15
SHELBY	73D01	Superior Court 1	15
SHELBY	73D02	Superior Court 2	20
SPENCER	74C01	Circuit Court	45
STARKE	75C01	Circuit Court	15
STEUBEN	76C01	Circuit Court	15
STEUBEN	76D01	Superior Court	15
SULLIVAN	77C01	Circuit Court	15
SULLIVAN	77D01	Superior Court	15
SWITZERLAND	78C01	Circuit Court	15
TIPPECANOE	79C01	Circuit Court	45
TIPPECANOE	79D01	Superior Court 1	15
TIPPECANOE	79D02	Superior Court 2	45
TIPPECANOE	79D03	Superior Court 3	30
TIPPECANOE	79D04	Superior Court 4	30
TIPPECANOE	79D05	Superior Court 5	45
TIPPECANOE	79D06	Superior Court 6	45
TIPPECANOE	79D07	Superior Court 7	25
TIPTON	80C01	Circuit Court	25
UNION	81C01	Circuit Court	15
VANDERBURGH	82C01	Circuit Court	45
VANDERBURGH	82D01	Superior Court 1	45
VANDERBURGH	82D02	Superior Court 2	45
VANDERBURGH	82D03	Superior Court 3	45
VANDERBURGH	82D04	Superior Court 4	45
VANDERBURGH	82D05	Superior Court 5	45
VANDERBURGH	82D06	Superior Court 6	45

VANDERBURGH	82D07	Superior Court 7	45
VERMILLION	83C01		25
		Circuit Court	
VIGO	84C01/D03	Circuit/Superior Court 3	50
VIGO	84D01	Superior Court 1	45
VIGO	84D02	Superior Court 2	45
VIGO	84D04	Superior Court 4	45
VIGO	84D05	Superior Court 5	30
VIGO	84D06	Superior Court 6	45
WABASH	85C01	Circuit Court	45
WABASH	85D01	Superior Court	35
WARREN	86C01	Circuit Court	15
WARRICK	87C01	Circuit Court	15
WARRICK	87D01	Superior Court 1	15
WARRICK	87D02	Superior Court 2	15
WASHINGTON	88C01	Circuit Court	15
WASHINGTON	88D01	Superior Court	20
WAYNE	89C01	Circuit Court	25
WAYNE	89D01	Superior Court 1	15
WAYNE	89D02	Superior Court 2	15
WAYNE	89D03	Superior Court 3	30
WELLS	90C01	Circuit Court	20
WELLS	90D01	Superior Court	15
WHITE	91C01	Circuit Court	15
WHITE	91D01	Superior Court	15
WHITLEY	92C01	Circuit Court	15
WHITLEY	92D01	Superior Court	25