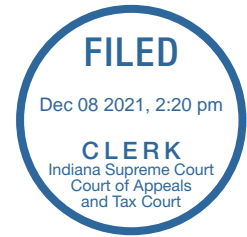


In the  
**Indiana Supreme Court**



In the Matter of the Approval of Local  
Rules for Jefferson County

Supreme Court Case No.  
21S-MS-536

**Order Approving Amended Local Rule**

The Judges of the Jefferson Circuit and Superior Courts request the approval of amended local rule for caseload allocation in accordance with Indiana Administrative Rule 1(E). Attached to this Order is the proposed amended local rule.

Upon examination of the proposed rule amendments requested by the Jefferson Circuit and Superior Courts, this Court finds that the proposed rule amendments at LR39-AR-1-AD-7 comply with the requirements of Indiana Administrative Rules 1(E), and, accordingly, should be approved.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by this Court that amended Local Rule, LR39-AR-1-AD-7, for Jefferson Circuit and Superior Courts, set forth as an attachment to this Order, are approved effective January 1, 2022.

Done at Indianapolis, Indiana, on 12/8/2021.

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Loretta H. Rush  
Chief Justice of Indiana

**LR 39-AR-1-AD-7**  
**CASELOAD ALLOCATION**

Pursuant to AR1, the Courts of Jefferson County, Indiana adopt the following local rules as to caseload allocation:

1. All Child in Need of Services (CHINS), juvenile, mental health, probate, paternity and cases for which the Prosecuting Attorney's IV-D office has entered an appearance shall be filed in Circuit Court.
2. Any DR, DC, or RS case, in which the Prosecuting Attorney's IV-D office enters an appearance subsequent to the initial filing, shall be transferred to the Jefferson Circuit Court upon the entry of appearance by the Prosecuting Attorney's IV-D office.
3. All small claims cases and evictions where the damages alleged are less than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) shall be filed in the Jefferson Superior Court.
4. All criminal cases shall be filed pursuant to LR 39-CF-2.2-CR-2.
5. All other cases may be filed in either Court.
6. The Judges of the Circuit and Superior Courts retain authority to reassign all types of cases between the courts whenever the workload of each court or convenience in the handling the case makes such a reassignment judicially desirable.