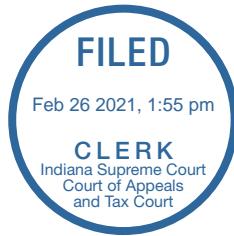


In the
Indiana Supreme Court

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

Supreme Court Case No.
21S-MS-87



Order Approving Amended Local Rule

The Judges of the Delaware Circuit 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 Delaware Circuit Courts, this Court finds that the proposed rule amendments at LR18-AR00-DLR-0012 complies 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, LR18-AR00-DLR-0012, for Delaware Circuit Courts, set forth as an attachment to this Order, is approved effective March 1, 2021.

Done at Indianapolis, Indiana, on 2/26/2021.



Loretta H. Rush
Chief Justice of Indiana

LR18-AR00-DLR-0012

Allocation and Assignment of Cases

Circuit Court No. 1

Criminal: The following case numbers shall be used for crimes committed on or before June 30, 2014: Felonies, which include MR (Murder), FA (Class A felony), FB (Class B felony), FC (Class C felony), FD (Class D felony), MC (Miscellaneous Criminal), and misdemeanors in conjunction with Murder, or A, B, C Felonies or D Felonies. The following case numbers shall be used for crimes committed on or after July 1, 2014: F1 (Level 1 felony); F2 (Level 2 felony); F3 (Level 3 felony); F4 (Level 4 felony); F5 (Level 5 felony); F6 (Level 6 felony), MC (Miscellaneous Criminal, Firearm Seizure – excluding Waiver of Reinstatement of Fees Cases), and misdemeanors in conjunction with Levels 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 felonies.

Civil: PL (Civil Plenary), CC (Civil Collection), CT (Civil Tort), DR, DC, DN (Domestic Relations), MI (Miscellaneous - excluding Specialized Driving Privilege Cases, excluding Judicial Review of Habitual Violator Suspension Cases), ES, EM, EU, GU, TR (Probate), PO (Protective Orders).

Circuit Court No. 2

Criminal: The following case numbers shall be used for crimes committed on or before June 30, 2014: Felonies, which include MR (Murder), FA (Class A felony), FB (Class B felony), FC (Class C felony), FD (Class D felony), MC (Miscellaneous Criminal), and misdemeanors in conjunction with Murder, or A, B, C Felonies or D Felonies. The following case numbers shall be used for crimes committed on or after July 1, 2014: F1 (Level 1 felony); F2 (Level 2 felony); F3 (Level 3 felony); F4 (Level 4 felony); F5 (Level 5 felony); F6 (Level 6 felony), MC (Miscellaneous Criminal – excluding Firearm Seizure, excluding Waiver of Reinstatement of Fees Cases), and misdemeanors in conjunction with Levels 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 felonies.

Juvenile: JP (Juvenile Paternity), JD (Juvenile Delinquency), JS (Juvenile Status), JM (Juvenile Miscellaneous), JC (Juvenile CHINS), JT (Juvenile Termination), JQ (Juvenile Protective Order)

Civil: PL (Civil Plenary), CC (Civil Collection), CT (Civil Tort), DR, DC, DN (Domestic Relations), AD (Adoption), MI (Miscellaneous - excluding Specialized Driving Privilege Cases, excluding Judicial Review of Habitual Violator Suspension Cases), GU-with related juvenile cases ONLY, RS (Reciprocal Support), PO (Protective Orders).

Circuit Court No. 3

Criminal: The following case numbers shall be used for crimes committed on or before June 30, 2014: Felonies, which include MR (Murder), FA (Class A felony), FB (Class B felony), FC (Class C felony), FD (Class D felony), MC (Miscellaneous Criminal), and misdemeanors in conjunction with Murder, or A, B, C Felonies or D Felonies. The following case numbers shall be used for crimes committed on or after July 1, 2014: F1 (Level 1 felony); F2 (Level 2 felony); F3 (Level 3 felony); F4 (Level 4 felony); F5 (Level 5 felony); F6 (Level 6 felony), MC (Miscellaneous Criminal, Waiver of Reinstatement of Fees Cases-excluding Firearm Seizure), and misdemeanors in conjunction with Levels 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 felonies.

Civil: PL (Civil Plenary), CC (Civil Collection), CT (Civil Tort), DR, DC, DN (Domestic Relations), MI (Miscellaneous, Specialized Driving Privilege Cases, Judicial Review of Habitual Violator Suspension Cases), MH (Mental Health), PO (Protective Orders), XP (Expungement).

Circuit Court No. 4

Criminal: The following case numbers shall be used for crimes committed on or before June 30, 2014: Felonies, which include MR (Murder), FA (Class A felony), FB (Class B felony), FC (Class C felony), FD (Class D felony), MC (Miscellaneous Criminal), and misdemeanors in conjunction with Murder, or A, B, C Felonies or D Felonies. The following case numbers shall be used for crimes committed on or after July 1, 2014: F1 (Level 1 felony); F2 (Level 2 felony); F3 (Level 3 felony); F4 (Level 4 felony); F5 (Level 5 felony); F6 (Level 6 felony), MC (Miscellaneous Criminal – excluding Firearm Seizure, excluding Waiver of Reinstatement of Fees Cases), and misdemeanors in conjunction with Levels 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 felonies.

City Court: Any criminal cases transferred from Muncie City Court may be filed in the Division of the Circuit Court that holds the highest pending felony charge, regardless of when the misdemeanor crime was allegedly committed.

If no felony cases are pending against the Defendant the misdemeanor will be filed in the Delaware Circuit Court No. 4 or No. 5 under the following rotation schedule:

- Circuit Court No. 4: January, March, May, July, September and November;
- Circuit Court No. 5: February, April, June, August, October, and December.

A “pending” case is a case not yet disposed of by guilty plea, jury trial, bench trial, bench disposition, or dismissal.

Juvenile: NONE

Civil: PL (Civil Plenary), CC (Civil Collection), CT (Civil Tort), DR, DC, DN (Domestic Relations), AD (Adoption), MI (Miscellaneous - excluding Specialized Driving Privilege Cases, excluding Judicial Review of Habitual Violator Suspension Cases) PO (Protective Order), SC (Small Claims), EV (Eviction).

Circuit Court No. 5

Criminal: The following case numbers shall be used for crimes committed on or before June 30, 2014: Felonies, which include MR (Murder), FA (Class A felony), FB (Class B felony), FC (Class C felony), FD (Class D felony), MC (Miscellaneous Criminal), and misdemeanors in conjunction with Murder, or A, B, C Felonies or D Felonies. The following case numbers shall be used for crimes committed on or after July 1, 2014: F1 (Level 1 felony); F2 (Level 2 felony); F3 (Level 3 felony); F4 (Level 4 felony); F5 (Level 5 felony); F6 (Level 6 felony), MC (Miscellaneous Criminal – excluding Firearm Seizure, excluding Waiver of Reinstatement of Fees Cases), and misdemeanors in conjunction with Levels 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 felonies.

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Juvenile: NONE

Civil: PL (Civil Plenary), CC (Civil Collection), CT (Civil Tort), DR, DC, DN (Domestic Relations), MF (Mortgage Foreclosure), MI (Miscellaneous – excluding Specialized Driving Privilege Cases, excluding Judicial Review of Habitual Violator Suspension Cases), PO (Protective Order), SC (Small Claims), EV (Eviction), ES, EU, EM, GU, TR (Probate), TS (Tax Sale), TP (Tax Deed Petition).

1. Assignment of cases as heretofore set out will continue to be subject to all Local Rules regarding non-discretionary assignment of felony and misdemeanor cases.

2. Forfeiture Proceedings – The State of Indiana shall file the forfeiture action as a miscellaneous civil (MI) action in the Circuit Court Division where the State either has filed or is required to file the related criminal action pursuant to Local Rule. If the State does not intend to file a criminal action, or the criminal action has been filed with Muncie City Court, the State shall then file the forfeiture as a miscellaneous (MI) action in the Circuit Court where the criminal case would have been filed had it been filed in Circuit Court.