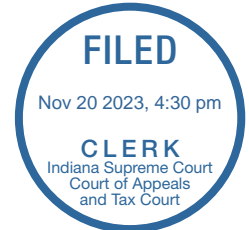


In the Indiana Supreme Court

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

Supreme Court Case
No. 23S-MS-327



Order Approving Amended Local Rule

The Judges of the Hancock County Circuit and Superior Courts request the approval of an 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 Hancock County Circuit and Superior Courts, this Court finds that the proposed rule amendments to LR30-AR00-2 comply with the requirements of Administrative Rule 1(E), and, accordingly, should be approved.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by this Court that amended local rule, LR30-AR00-2, for the Hancock County Circuit and Superior Courts, set forth as an attachment to this Order, is approved effective January 1, 2024.

Done at Indianapolis, Indiana, on 11/20/2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Loretta H. Rush", written over a horizontal line.

Loretta H. Rush
Chief Justice of Indiana

Plan Concepts

The Local Plan shall be premised upon a review and evaluation of:

1. Weighted Caseload Measures (WCLM) information for the courts;
2. Resources and needs of individual courts within the Circuit as well as available judicial resources,
3. Measures which would facilitate as well as impede implementation of the Plan; and,
4. Mechanics for the implementation of the Plan.

Judicial Circuit Plan

Case types shall be docketed in the courts of the Circuit only as indicated:

a. **Circuit Court and Superior Court No. 1**

MR, F1, F2, F3, F4, F5, MC, JC, JD, JS, JM, JT, PL, CC, MF, CT, DN, DC, RS, MH, AD, AH, EM, ES, EU, EV, GU, GM, TR, MI, RF, and XP.

- b. **PO cases** are to be filed in Superior Court No. 1. They may be transferred to Circuit Court or Superior Court 2 if there is a DR case or other case involving the parties in that court.

c. **Superior Court No. 2**

All F6, CM, MC, IF, OV, SC

All cases filed in the civil docket of the Hancock Circuit and Superior Court No. 1 shall be filed on a random basis by the Clerk pursuant to a method approved by the courts, with the exception that a manual assignment will occur if there is a related case in another court.

Plan Impact

Based upon WCLM information for 2016, implementation of the Local Plan will result in the WCLM of each court within the Circuit being approximately equal.