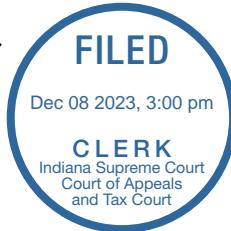


In the
Indiana Supreme Court

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

Supreme Court Case No.
23S-MS-361



Order Approving Amended Local Rule

The Judges of the Delaware County Circuit 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 Delaware County Circuit Courts, this Court finds that the proposed rule amendments to LR18-AR00-DLR-0012 comply with the requirements of Administrative Rule 1(E), and, accordingly, should be approved.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by this Court that the amended local rule, LR18-AR00-DLR-0012, for the Delaware County Circuit Courts, set forth as an attachment to this Order, is approved effective January 1, 2024.

Done at Indianapolis, Indiana, on 12/8/2023.



Loretta H. Rush
Chief Justice of Indiana

LR18-AR00-DLR-0012 ALLOCATION AND ASSIGNMENT OF CASES

Cases shall be filed per the following allocation:

Circuit Court No. 1

Criminal: 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. Crimes committed on or after July 1, 2014: MR (Murder); 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 Waiver of Reinstatement of Fees Cases), misdemeanors in conjunction with Levels 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 felonies, and RF (Firearm Seizures).

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, excluding Traffic Amnesty Cases), ES, EM, EU, GU, TR (Probate), PO (Protective Orders), PC (Post-Conviction Relief), RF (Firearm Seizures), SC (Small Claims-for disallowed claims filed in conjunction with ES and EU cases only).

Circuit Court No. 2

Criminal: 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. Crimes committed on or after July 1, 2014: MR (Murder); 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 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), JM (Juvenile Miscellaneous).

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, excluding Traffic Amnesty Cases), GU-with related juvenile cases ONLY, RS (Reciprocal Support), PO (Protective Orders), PC (Post-Conviction Relief).

Circuit Court No. 3

Criminal: 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. Crimes committed on or after July 1, 2014: MR (Murder); 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, 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, Traffic Amnesty Cases), MH (Mental Health), PO (Protective Orders), XP (Expungement), PC (Post-Conviction Relief).

Circuit Court No. 4

Criminal: 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. Crimes committed on or after July 1, 2014: MR (Murder); 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 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.

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, excluding Traffic Amnesty Cases) PO (Protective Order), SC (Small Claims), EV (Eviction), PC (Post-Conviction Relief).

Circuit Court No. 5

Criminal: 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. Crimes committed on or after July 1, 2014: MR (Murder); 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 Waiver of Reinstatement of Fees Cases), and misdemeanors in conjunction with Levels 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 felonies.

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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, excluding Traffic Amnesty Cases), PO (Protective Order), SC (Small Claims), EV (Eviction), ES, EU, EM, GU, TR (Probate), TS (Tax Sale), TP (Tax Deed Petition), PC (Post-Conviction Relief).

(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.