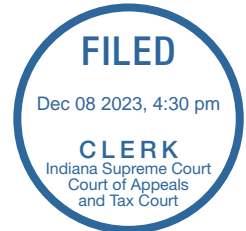


In the Indiana Supreme Court

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

Supreme Court Case No.
23S-MS-366



Order Approving Amended Local Rule

The Judges of the Shelby Circuit and Superior Courts request the approval of an amended local rule for caseload allocation in accordance with Indiana Administrative Rule 1(E) and for criminal case assignments in accordance with Criminal Procedure Rule 2.2. Attached to this Order is the proposed amended local rule.

Upon examination of the proposed rule amendments requested by the Shelby Circuit and Superior Courts, this Court finds that the proposed rule amendments to LR73-AR1(E) Rule 2 comply with the requirements of Indiana Administrative Rule 1(E) and Criminal Procedure Rule 2.2, and, accordingly, should be approved.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by this Court that amended local rule, LR73-AR1(E) Rule 2, for the Shelby Circuit and Superior Courts, set forth as an attachment to this Order, is approved effective January 1, 2024.

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

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Loretta H. Rush
Chief Justice of Indiana

LR73-AR1(E) RULE 2: LOCAL CASELOAD PLAN

2.1 Evaluation of Caseload Allocation.

- 2.1.1 The Allocation of Judicial Resources described herein should place the Shelby County Courts in compliance with guidelines issued by the Indiana Supreme Court's Order for Development of Local Caseload Plans. No later than March 1 of each year, the judges of the courts of record in Shelby County shall meet and evaluate the caseload data as reported to the Indiana Supreme Court Office of Judicial Administration.
- 2.1.2 The caseload evaluation shall factor in the allocation of administrative duties among the judges as well as any special circumstances such as death penalty cases.
- 2.1.3 Special service by Shelby County judges outside their own courts or special, senior judges or transfer judges serving in the Shelby County Courts shall also be considered. Such service shall be calculated in accordance with the weighted caseload worksheet and criteria established by the Indiana Supreme Court Office of Judicial Administration.
- 2.1.4 Modification or changes necessary for the Shelby County Courts to remain in compliance with the Order for Development of Local Caseload Plans shall be developed and approved by a majority vote of the judges and shall become effective on April 1 of each year.

2.2 Caseload Allocation.

2.2.1 Criminal Cases

- All A, B & C and Level 1-5 felonies and murder as defined in Local Rule 73-CR2.2-1, shall be filed in the respective courts in the following percentages:
 - 45% in Shelby Circuit Court
 - 45% in Shelby Superior Court No. 1
 - 10% in Shelby Superior Court No. 2
- All D and Level 6 felonies shall be filed in the respective courts in the following percentages:
 - 45% in Shelby Circuit Court
 - 10% in Shelby Superior Court 1
 - 45% in Shelby Superior Court 2
- All misdemeanor, (CM) infraction (IF), and ordinance violation (OV, OE) cases shall be filed in Superior Court 2.
- All XP cases shall be filed as per statute.
- All search warrants issued outside of normal hours by the Shelby County Magistrate Shall be filed in Superior Court 2.
- All Miscellaneous criminal cases (MC) and red-flag cases (RF) shall be filed as directed by the initiating party.

2.2.2 Civil Cases

2.2.2.1. *Juvenile Cases.* The following Juvenile case types (JC, JD, JM, JQ, JS, JT and,) shall be filed in Shelby Superior Court No. 1.

2.2.2.2 *Remaining Civil Cases*

2.2.2.2.1 All Plenary (PL) cases shall be filed 50/50 on a random basis in Shelby Circuit Court and Shelby Superior Court No. 1.

2.2.2.2.2 All Domestic Relations (DR) (DC) (DN) (JP) cases shall be filed 50/50 on a random basis in Shelby Circuit Court and Shelby Superior Court No. 1. If a series of JP cases involve siblings are filed, the first filing shall decide the court and the remaining siblings' cases shall be filed in the court of the first filing.

2.2.2.2.3 All Reciprocal Support (RS) cases shall be filed in Shelby Circuit Court.

2.2.2.2.4 All Protective Orders (PO) and Juvenile Protective order (JQ) cases shall be filed in Shelby Superior Court I.

2.2.2.2.5 All Guardianship (GU) (GM) cases shall be filed in Shelby Circuit Court.

2.2.2.2.6 All Mortgage Foreclosure (MF) Cases shall be filed in Shelby Circuit Court.

2.2.2.2.7 All Small Claims (SC) shall be filed in Shelby Superior Court No. 2.

2.2.2.2.8 All Tax Sale (TS) and Tax Deed Petitions (TP) shall be filed in Shelby Superior Court 1.

2.2.2.2.9 All CC cases shall be filed in Shelby Circuit Court.

2.2.2.2.10 EV cases with a small claims filing fee shall be filed in Superior Court 2. EV cases with a full filing fee shall be filed in Superior Court 1.

2.2.2.2.11 All remaining types of civil cases (AD, AH, ~~CC~~, CT, ES, EU, EM, MH, MI, and TR) shall be filed as requested by the initiating party. If no request is made by the initiating party, the remaining cases shall be assigned 50/50 on a random basis in Shelby Circuit Court and Shelby Superior Court 1.

2.2.2.2.12 All 72 hour (MH) holds issued outside of normal hours by the Shelby County Magistrate shall be filed in Superior Court 1.