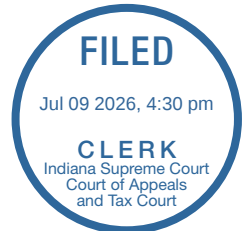


In the
Indiana Supreme Court

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

Supreme Court Case No.
26S-MS-223



Order Approving Amended Local Rule

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

Upon examination of the proposed rule amendments requested by the Miami Circuit and Superior Courts, this Court finds that the proposed amendments to LR52-AR00-1 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, LR52-AR00-1, for the Miami Circuit and Superior Courts, set forth as an attachment to this Order, is approved effective January 1, 2027.

Done at Indianapolis, Indiana, on 7/9/2026.

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

Loretta H. Rush

Chief Justice of Indiana

LR52-AR00-1
CASELOAD ALLOCATION PLAN

The Miami Circuit Court, Miami Superior Court I, and Miami Superior Court II have previously adopted various rules and orders concerning the filing of certain types of matters in the County Courts. Based upon the 2025 weighted caseload numbers, the judges of all three Courts have agreed upon the following caseload allocations:

(A) Criminal Cases

- (1) All Murder, Class A and Class B felony, and Level 1, Level 2, Level 3, and Level 4 felony cases (except as noted in subparagraph (A)(2), below) shall be filed in the Miami Circuit Court. Also, all Level 5 and Level 6 felony cases and all misdemeanor cases in which at least one charge is for a “sex crime” (except as noted in subparagraph (A)(2), below) shall be filed in the Miami Circuit Court. For the purpose of interpreting this local rule, “sex crime” shall refer to any criminal offense described in the chapter of the Indiana Code that pertains to sex crimes (IC 35-42-4) and the criminal offense of Incest (IC 35-46-1-3).
- (2) All traffic-related cases, both felony and misdemeanor, and all felony cases other than Murder cases filed against a defendant as a result of one or more criminal acts allegedly committed by the defendant at the Miami Correctional Facility while he or she was a prisoner, employee, or visitor at the Miami Correctional Facility shall be filed in the Miami Superior Court I.
- (3) All Class C and Class D felony, all Level 5 and Level 6 felony, and all misdemeanor cases (except for ones described in subparagraphs (A)(1) and (A)(2), above) shall be filed in the Miami Superior Court II.

(B) Infractions and Ordinance Violations

All Infraction and Ordinance Violation cases shall be filed in the Miami Superior Court I.

(C) Juvenile Matters

- (1) All Juvenile Delinquency, Juvenile Status, and Termination of Parental Rights cases shall be filed in the Miami Superior Court II.
- (2) All Juvenile Child in Need of Services (CHINS) cases shall be filed in the Miami Circuit Court.

(D) Small Claims Cases

All Small Claims shall be filed in the Miami Superior Court I, with the exception of Small Claims eviction cases, which shall be filed in the Miami Superior Court II.

(E) Eviction Cases That Are Not Small Claims Cases

All eviction cases that are not Small Claims cases shall be filed in the Miami Circuit Court.

(F) **Civil Prison Litigation**

All civil cases filed by prisoners at the Miami Correctional Facility or the Miami County Jail other than Small Claims cases, Dissolution of Marriage cases, Habeas Corpus cases, and Post-Conviction Relief proceedings shall be filed in the Miami Superior Court II. All Dissolution of Marriage cases and Habeas Corpus cases filed by prisoners at the Miami Correctional Facility or the Miami County Jail shall be filed in the Miami Circuit Court. Post-Conviction Relief proceedings filed by a prisoner at the Miami Correctional Facility or the Miami County Jail shall be filed pursuant to the provisions of Rule PC 1, Section 2, of the Indiana Rules of Procedure for Post-Conviction Remedies.

(G) **All Other Cases**

All other cases not otherwise mentioned above may be filed in any of the three (3) above-named Courts. All litigants and their attorneys are encouraged to equalize their filing of all other cases between the three Courts.