

In the Indiana Supreme Court

Case No. 19S-MS-512



Order Establishing the Indiana Innovation Initiative

Indiana has been a national leader in justice reform in areas such as evidence-based decision-making, pretrial release, problem-solving courts, and commercial courts. Additional innovation opportunities now present themselves in Indiana, designed to make Indiana's system of justice more efficient, less expensive, and easier to navigate while continuing to ensure that justice is fairly administered and the rights of all litigants protected.

Accordingly, there is hereby CREATED the Indiana Innovation Initiative to analyze research on justice reform, assess the impact of reform efforts in other states, identify innovative strategies to manage different case types, and make recommendations to the Indiana Supreme Court for best practices surrounding Indiana's justice system structures and procedures. A list of the Initiative members is attached, and the group's membership may change as its work continues.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Indiana Innovation Initiative shall:

1. Analyze the research on justice reform;
2. Assess the impact of reform efforts in other states;
3. Identify, map, and analyze commonalities and differences in subject matter and process in criminal, civil, family, and child welfare justice systems;
4. Identify innovative strategies, such as technology, to manage different case types;
5. Develop specialized procedures for different types of cases involving differing levels of complexity;
6. Evaluate the potential and actual impacts of specialized procedures;
7. Launch pilot projects to test procedures and determine the scalable value of those procedures;
8. Collaborate with and support the Coalition for Court Access (CCA) in areas where the Initiative's work overlaps with the CCA's objectives; and
9. Make recommendations to the Indiana Supreme Court for best practices surrounding Indiana's judicial system structures and procedures.

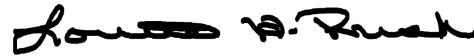
The Initiative is additionally authorized to create subgroups needed to carry out its work. The Court now ORDERS that the first two subgroups of the Initiative shall be the Family Law Taskforce and the Technology Working Group.

The Family Law Taskforce shall consider recommendations on more efficient handling of domestic relations matters created by the National Center for State Courts, the Institute for the

Advancement of the American Legal System, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, the Conference of Chief Justices, and the Conference of State Court Administrators. The Technology Working Group shall likewise evaluate business processes and innovative technologies in other jurisdictions, and in commercial enterprise, in preparing its recommendations.

Both the Family Law Taskforce and the Technology Working Group shall analyze the research on court reform, assess the impact of innovations in other states, identify innovative strategies for significantly improving court processes, and provide a written report with findings and recommendations to the Indiana Innovation Initiative not later than March 1, 2021. The Initiative is directed to provide a written report, with findings and recommendations, to the Court not later than July 1, 2021. The Indiana Office of Court Services is directed to assign staff to assist the Initiative in its work.

Done at Indianapolis, Indiana, on ^{9/24/2019}_____.



Loretta H. Rush
Chief Justice of Indiana

All Justices concur.

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