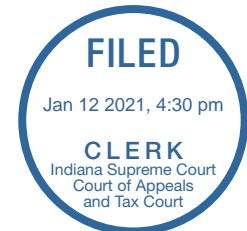


In the Indiana Supreme Court

In the Matter of the Indiana Innovation
Initiative

Supreme Court Case No.
21S-MS-2



Order Creating the Indiana Innovation Initiative on Civil Litigation Taskforce

On September 24, 2019, this Court issued an Order establishing the Indiana Innovation Initiative and two subsidiary groups, the Family Law Taskforce and the Technology Working Group, with instructions to:

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.

At this time, the Court has determined that it wishes to create another subsidiary group, the Civil Litigation Taskforce, focusing on improvements related to civil litigation including procedure and case management.

The Civil Litigation Taskforce shall consider recommendations on more efficient handling of civil litigation created by the National Center for State Courts, the Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System, and the Conference of Chief Justices, including the recommendations described in "A Call to Action: Achieving Civil Justice for All" by the CCJ Civil Justice Improvements Committee.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Civil Litigation Taskforce is created with the following members:

1. Mr. Steve Badger, Barnes & Thornburg, Chair;
2. Sen. Eric Koch, Indiana Senate;
3. Hon. Kimberly Dowling, Delaware Circuit Court;
4. Hon. Heather Welch, Marion Superior Court;
5. Hon. Jaime Oss, LaPorte Superior Court;
6. Norris Cunningham, Katz Korin Cunningham;
7. Emily Guenin-Hodson, Guenin Law;
8. Christine Hickey, Rubin Levin;
9. Cynthia Lasher, Norris Choplin & Schroeder;
10. Jeffrey Lind, Lind Law Firm;
11. Jennifer Tudor-Wright, Barnes & Thornburg;
12. Candace Williams, Tolbert & Tolbert; and
13. Pamela Williams, Anthem.

The Civil Litigation Task Force 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 Court not later than December 31, 2021. The Indiana Office of Court Services is directed to assign staff to assist the Initiative in its work.

Done at Indianapolis, Indiana, on 1/12/2021.



Loretta H. Rush
Chief Justice of Indiana

All Justices concur.