In the Indiana Supreme Court

Cause No. 25S-MS-363



Order Appointing Members to the Commission on Court Appointed Attorneys

The Commission on Court Appointed Attorneys is established by Indiana Code section 33-40-5-2 and, alongside the Office of the State Public Defender and Indiana Public Defender Council, serves a vital role in Indiana's public defense infrastructure. By law, the Chief Justice of Indiana is required to appoint three members to the Commission. Judge Mary Ellen Diekhoff, Monroe Circuit Court; Judge Kelsey Hanlon, Owen Circuit Court; and Jim Abbs, Chief Public Defender, Noble County, have served as my appointments, and I thank them for their exceptional service to Indiana's criminal justice system.

I hereby appoint the following members to the Commission, pursuant to the limitations of Indiana Code sections 33-40-5-2(b) and -2(b)(2), effective January 1, 2026:

- Hon. Karin McGrath, Kosciusko Superior Court 1;
- Hon. Ryan Hatfield, Vanderburgh Circuit Court; and
- Mark Clark, Washington County Chief Public Defender (ret.)

Their terms shall expire on June 30, 2029, or when a successor is appointed.

Done at Indianapolis, Indiana, on 12/23/2025

Louis A. Ruch

Loretta H. Rush Chief Justice of Indiana