

In the Indiana Supreme Court

Cause No. 23S-MS-10



Order Amending Rules of Trial Procedure

Under the authority vested in this Court to provide by rule for the procedures employed in all courts of this state and this Court's inherent authority to supervise the administration of all courts in this state, the Indiana Rules of Trial Procedure are amended as follows (deletions shown by ~~striketrough~~ and new text shown by underlining):

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Rule 79. Special Judge Selection: Circuit, Superior, and Probate Courts

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(J) Eligibility. ...

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A special judge need not be a resident of the county where the case is pending, ~~but accessibility should be considered in making the selection. Senior judges shall be eligible for service as special judge only in courts in which the senior judge is currently appointed by the Indiana Supreme Court to serve as senior judge.~~

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Rule 81.1. Procedures for Cases Involving Family or Household Members

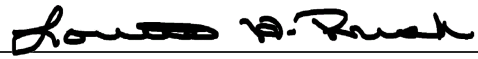
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(B) Type of Cases. Courts using Family Procedures for a case may exercise jurisdiction over other cases involving the same family or a household member of the family. An individual case to which Family Procedures is being applied may maintain its separate integrity and separate docket number, but may be given a common case number if multiple cases are being heard before one judge. Guardianship (GU) cases may be heard with other cases but may not be consolidated into a common case number and must maintain their "GU" case type designation. Subject to applicable rules and statutes, the individual cases may all be transferred to one judge or may remain in the separate courts in which they were originally filed.

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These amendments are effective January 1, 2024.

Done at Indianapolis, Indiana, on 7/7/2023.



Loretta H. Rush
Chief Justice of Indiana

All Justices concur.