

**STATE OF INDIANA – COUNTY OF RANDOLPH  
IN THE RANDOLPH CIRCUIT AND SUPERIOR COURTS**

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**Notice of Proposed Amendments to Local Court Rule  
May 12, 2026**

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In accordance with Trial Rule 81 of the Indiana Court Rules, the Randolph Circuit and Superior Courts hereby give notice to the bar and the public that the Courts propose to amend the Local Rule on the allocation of cases (LR68-AR1-701) for the courts of record of Randolph County, effective January 1, 2027.

All new text is shown by underlining and deleted text is shown by ~~striketrough~~. Supreme Court approval is required for Local Rules concerning caseload allocation and the amended rule will not take effect until approved by the Supreme Court.

Notice has been given to the public by posting on the website of the Randolph County Clerk (<https://www.in.gov/counties/randolph/departments/clerk/>) and at the Indiana Judiciary webpage for Local Rules (<https://www.in.gov/courts/publications/local-rules/>), and by furnishing a copy to the officers of the Randolph County Bar Association. A paper copy of the proposed amended local rule(s) will be made available for viewing in the Clerk of Randolph County office, 100 S. Main Street, Room 201, Winchester, Indiana 47394 during normal business hours.

The time period for the bar and the public to comment shall begin on June 3, 2026, and close on July 6, 2026. The proposed amendments to the rule will be adopted, modified, or rejected before July 29, 2026, and the final version of the rule will be submitted to the Indiana Supreme Court for review and approval no later than August 1, 2026.

Comments by the bar and the public should be made in writing to:  
Hon. Kimberly S. Dowling, Judge of the Randolph Superior Court, Attn: Public Comment on Local Rules, Randolph Superior Court, 100 S. Main Street, Winchester, Indiana 47394 or [kdowling@randolph.in.gov](mailto:kdowling@randolph.in.gov).

DATED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026 on behalf of the Judges of Randolph County.

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/s/  
Jay L. Toney, Judge  
Randolph Circuit Court

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/s/  
Kimberly S. Dowling, Judge  
Randolph Superior Court

# ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

## LR68-AR1-701 PLAN FOR CASELOAD ALLOCATION

(A) **CIRCUIT COURT.** The following cases shall be filed solely in the Randolph Circuit Court:

- i. Murder (MR)
- ii. Mental Health (MH)
- iii. Adoption (AD)
- iv. Estate Supervised (ES)
- v. Estate Unsupervised (EU)
- vi. **Estate Miscellaneous (EM)**
- vii. Guardianship (GU)
- viii. Trust (TR)
- ix. Juvenile CHINS (JC)
- x. Juvenile Delinquency (JD)
- xi. Juvenile Status (JS)
- xii. Juvenile Termination of Parental Rights (JT)
- xiii. Juvenile Paternity (JP) and
- xiv. Juvenile Miscellaneous (JM)

(B) **SUPERIOR COURT.** The following cases shall be filed solely in the Randolph Superior Court:

- i. Criminal Misdemeanor (CM), unless part of multiple charges which include a felony being filed in Circuit Court
- ii. Infraction (IF), unless part of multiple charges which include a felony being charged in Circuit Court
- iii. Local Ordinance Violation (OV)
- iv. Exempted Ordinance Violation (OE)
- v. Small Claims (SC)
- vi. All Title 9 offenses, including homicide with a motor vehicle
- vii. All eviction cases (EV)

(C) **All Level 6 Felonies** shall be filed in Superior Court except the following which shall be filed in Circuit Court:

- i. Neglect of a dependent and offenses against the family under I.C. 35-46-1-1 et. Seq

- ii. Felony non-support, I.C. 35-46-1-5 when the underlying support order was issued by the Randolph Superior Court
  - iii. Welfare fraud, I.C. 35-43-5-7; and
  - iv. Failure to Register as a Sex Offender, I.C. 5-2-12-9
- (D) **Level 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 Felonies** shall be filed in the following manner, based upon the month of commission of the crime:
- i. Charges for crimes committed in January, February, April, May, July, August, October, and November shall be filed in the Randolph Circuit Court
  - ii. Charges for crimes committed in March, June, September, and December shall be filed in the Randolph Superior Court
  - iii. If multiple offenses are charged in a single information, the month of the earliest charge shall be the month used to determine in which Court the charges will be filed.
- (E) Once a case has been assigned in accordance with the provision set out herein, the case cannot be assigned to another judge by dismissal and refile if the second filing is based on the same underlying incident.
- (F) In criminal cases, the case shall be assigned according to the highest class charge. Cases filed against other defendants arising out of the same fact situation which are joinable by law shall be filed in the same court.
- (G) All other cases may be filed in either Court at the election of the filer.
- (H) Per I.C. 33-29-1-9, the Judge of the Randolph Circuit Court, with consent of the Judge of the Randolph Superior Court, may transfer any action or proceeding from the Circuit Court to the Superior Court, and the Judge of the Randolph Superior Court, with consent of the Judge of the Randolph Circuit Court, may transfer any action or proceeding from the standard Superior Court to the Circuit Court.