

Application for Judicial Vacancy Indiana Appellate Courts

PART ONE

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1. Contact/General Information

- A. Full legal name and any former names.

Full Legal Name: Dana Jo Kenworthy

Maiden Name: Dana Jo Miller

- B. State the full name (use initials for minor children), age, and relationship of each person residing in your household. For each adult living in the household (other than yourself), also state the person's occupation and employer.

Alexander C. Kenworthy: Husband (25 years in May 2022), age 53, Community Corrections Intake Officer, Wabash County Community Corrections; Police Officer (retired), Marion Police Department & Oak Hill United School Corporation.

- C. Business address, email, and telephone number.

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- D. Attorney number.

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- E. Month and year you were admitted to the Indiana Bar.

November 2001

- a. Indicate current law license status (i.e. active/inactive/retired).

Active

- b. If you are or have been a member of the Bar of any other state, identify the jurisdiction and provide date(s) of admission and current license status.

Not Applicable

- F. Date and place of birth.

April 30, 1972 in Peru, Indiana.

- G. County of current residence and date you first became a resident.

Grant County, May 1994

2. Secondary Education/Military Experience

- A. List all undergraduate colleges and universities you attended. Include the school name; dates enrolled; degree or certificate earned; and any academic honors, awards, or scholarships you received and when. **As part of your Supplemental Materials, provide a transcript—including a certified transcript for your original hard copy—for each school listed; redact your Social Security number if it appears on the transcript.*

Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana, 1990 – 1994, 1998

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Criminal Justice, 1998

Academic Honors or Awards: Admission with Distinction (1990), Honors College Program (1990 – 1994), Dean’s List (1990 – 1994), Psi Chi National Honor Society in Psychology (1993)

Scholarships: Ball State University Presidential Scholarship (1990 – 1994), Grant County Community Foundation Scholarship (1990), Sweetser Current Opinion Club Scholarship (1990)

Transcript: **See Tab 2.**

- B. If applicable, list any military service. Include the name of the military branch; dates of service; last rank achieved; and any honors, awards, or commendations received and when. **As part of your Supplemental Materials, provide a copy of your Certificate of Release or Discharge from active duty (“DD 214” paperwork).*

Not Applicable

3. Post-Secondary Education

- A. List all law schools, graduate schools, and post-J.D. programs attended. Include the school name; dates enrolled; degree or certificate earned; class rank; and any academic honors, awards, or scholarships you received and when. **As part of your Supplemental Materials, provide a transcript—including a certified transcript for your original hard copy—for each school listed; redact your Social Security number if it appears on the transcript.*

Indiana University – McKinney School of Law, Indianapolis, Indiana, 1998 – 2001

Juris Doctorate *summa cum laude*, 2001

Class Rank: 8/262

Academic Honors or Awards: Graduated *summa cum laude*, Dean’s List (1998 – 2001), Associate Member of the Indiana International & Comparative Law Review (2000), Dean’s Tutorial Society (2000 – 2001)

Scholarships: Willard B. Gemmill Law Scholarship (1998 – 2001), Glenn D. Peters Scholarship (1998 – 2001)

Post-J.D. Programs:

- **Indiana Graduate Program for Judges** (Indiana Office of Court Services), 2018 Graduate
- **Indiana Judicial College** (Indiana Office of Court Services), 2017 Graduate
- **National Judicial College**, Reno, Nevada: Completed courses in General Jurisdiction (October 2010), Sentencing and Management of Sex Offenders (February 2013), Technology-Assisted Crimes Against Children (May 2013), The Fourth Amendment (May 2013), Handling Capital Cases (November 2015). I received National Judicial College and/or Court Improvement Program scholarships for these programs.

Transcript & Certificates: [See Tab 3.](#)

4. Employment

- A. Provide your employment history since graduation from college. Include name of employer, titles or positions, locations, and dates of employment.

Grant Superior Court 2, Judge, Marion, Indiana, April 2010 – Present (Appointed by Indiana Supreme Court as Judge Pro Tempore April 2010 – December 2012; Elected Judge January 2013 – Present)

Indiana Wesleyan University, Adjunct Professor, Marion, Indiana, January 2011 – April 2013

Grant County Prosecutor's Office, Deputy Prosecutor, Marion, Indiana, May 2001 – April 2010 (also Certified Legal Intern, Summer 2000)

Finding Words, Indiana, Course Instructor, Indianapolis, Indiana, June 2007 – April 2010

Grant County Courts, Guardian Ad Litem, Marion, Indiana, September 2006 – April 2010

Indiana Business College/Harrison College, Adjunct Professor, Marion, Indiana, April 2008 – June 2009

Harrison & Moberly, Paralegal, Indianapolis, Indiana, October 1998 – December 2000

Family Service Society, Inc., Community Education Coordinator/Sex Offense Services Director, Marion, Indiana, November 1994 – October 1998

- B. If applicable, describe the nature and extent of your practice of law (present and former), and provide the names of your partners, associates, office mates, and employers.

I have over 20 years of experience as an attorney and trial court judge, in a wide variety of practice areas. Judicial experience since April 2010 is explained in Section 5C.

After graduation from law school in 2001, I worked as a Deputy Prosecutor at the Grant County Prosecutor's Office for 9 years. I focused on child abuse, sexual assault, domestic violence, computer-facilitated crimes, and juvenile delinquency. I handled approximately 25 jury trials, with all but 1 ending in conviction. I received the 2005 Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence Outstanding Prosecutor Award. [See Tab 4](#), Local Prosecutor Wins Award, Marion *Chronicle-Tribune* (Oct. 28, 2005). I worked for Prosecutors Stephen Johnson and James Luttrull, Jr. Co-workers included Deputy Prosecutors Bill Heck, Lisa Glancy, Evan Hammond, Scott Hunt, Rodney Faulk; Investigators David Homer and Julie Autry; Victim Advocates Lori Brane and Jill Speicher; and Support Staff Mike Cline, Karen Benedict and Teresa Yeater.

While I was a full-time Deputy Prosecutor, I worked part-time in several other capacities. I was a course instructor for Finding Words, Indiana, teaching prosecutors, law enforcement officers, child protection investigators and victim advocates how to properly interview child victims and witnesses of crime. I served as Guardian Ad Litem for children in custody cases in Grant County Courts, primarily before Judge Jeff Todd and Magistrate Brian McLane. I coordinated Grant County's Pro Bono Program, arranging volunteers to serve indigent litigants and organizing annual Talk to a Lawyer Day programs. I received the 2006 Randall T. Shepard Award from the Indiana Pro Bono Commission.

During law school, I volunteered at the Civil Practice Clinic handling family law cases involving domestic violence. Also during law school from October 1998 to December 2000, I worked as a Paralegal at Harrison and Moberly, primarily for Partners Jay Brody and A. Donald Wiles II. I performed paralegal and secretarial tasks in civil matters including property law, trusts and estates, personal injury cases and environmental law. I was a Certified Legal Intern at the Grant County Prosecutor's Office during the summer of 2000, completing 3 jury trials under supervision, all ending in conviction.

5. Trial/Judicial Experience

- A. Describe the extent of your jury trial experience, if any.

Judicial experience in jury trials is explained in Section 5C.

As a Deputy Prosecutor from 2001 – 2010, I tried approximately 25 criminal jury trials including all classes of crime, misdemeanors to murder. All but one resulted in conviction. My last jury trial as a deputy prosecutor was a 31-year-old cold case homicide, which lasted 7 days and resulted in convictions for Murder and Armed Robbery Resulting in Death.

As a Certified Legal Intern during law school, I tried 3 criminal jury trials under supervision of deputy prosecutors, all resulting in conviction.

- B. Describe the extent of your bench trial experience, if any.

Judicial bench trial experience is explained in Section 5C.

As a Deputy Prosecutor, I tried hundreds of bench trials in adult and juvenile courts over the course of approximately 9 years. These included all levels of adult crime and juvenile delinquency.

- C. If applicable, describe the nature and extent of your judicial experience (including as a judge pro tempore). Include a description of your experience presiding over jury trials, if any.

The Indiana Supreme Court appointed me to serve as Judge Pro Tempore in Grant Superior Court 2 from April 2010 to December 2012, to finish the term of Judge Randall Johnson. During this time, I caught up case backlog, sought grant funding for court improvements, and changed practices to save money. [See Tab 5](#), Wright, M., Kenworthy Spurs Progress, *Marion Chronicle-Tribune* (Oct. 22, 2012).

I was elected Judge for the next 2 terms (2013 and 2019); I have served continuously for over 12 years. Grant Superior Court 2 is a court of general jurisdiction, including criminal (46%), juvenile (25%), family (20%), civil (5%), and probate (4%) cases. I also supervise the Juvenile Magistrate, who handles juvenile delinquency, paternity, child support, and protective order cases.

Over the past 12 years, I have presided over 81 jury trials, including 73 felony criminal cases, 5 personal injury cases (automobile collisions), and 3 medical malpractice cases. The 73 criminal jury trials included all levels of felonies; 6 of these trials were bifurcated or trifurcated due to sentencing enhancements. I have also presided over hundreds of bench trials in criminal, civil, family, probate, and juvenile cases.

In February 2015, I founded Grant County’s Family Recovery Court, which applies the problem-solving court model to CHINS cases. Grant County FRC blazed a trail as one of the earliest FRCs in Indiana. In the course of only 6 years Grant County has become recognized as the “gold standard” of FRCs in not only Indiana, but in the United States. **In 2021, Grant County was named 1 of 8 FRC Peer Learning Courts in the nation.** [See Tab 6](#), Miller, J., Family Recovery Court Serves as Example for Programs Nationwide, *Marion Chronicle-Tribune* (Dec. 24, 2021).

6. Professional Experience

*As part of your Supplemental Materials, include as writing samples four selections (in total) from the written materials listed below in Questions 6A through 6C.

For writing samples: [See Tabs 7 through 10.](#)

- A. If applicable, list up to five trial or appellate briefs and/or judicial opinions you have written. Refer to them by caption, case number, and filing date.

In Re L.S., 27D02-1511-JT-22, affirmed 27A02-1609-JT-2282 (Ind. Ct. App. April 27, 2017), Order on Termination of Parental Rights of Mother J.S. to Child L.S. entered August 31, 2016. [See Tab 7 \(Writing Sample #1\)](#).

Mooresville Public Library v. Community Foundation of Morgan County, Inc., 55D01-1509-TR-131, Order on Motion for Summary Judgment entered August 11, 2017. [See Tab 8 \(Writing Sample #2\)](#).

State of Indiana v. Deangelo Evans, 27D02-1602-F4-8, affirmed 85 N.E.3d 632 (Ind. Ct. App. 2017), Order of Sentence entered April 3, 2017. [See Tab 9 \(Writing Sample #3\)](#).

Faulk v. Faulk, 27D02-1603-DR-86, Court’s Findings and Order on Father’s Motion to Dismiss and Motion to Vacate Custody Order entered April 22, 2016.

Faulk v. Faulk, 27D02-1603-DR-86, Child Custody Order entered January 13, 2017.

- B. If applicable, list up to five legislative drafts or court rules you have written or to which you contributed significantly. Refer to them by official citation, date, and subject matter.

I have 10 years of experience monitoring and providing legislative input. I was **elected by my colleagues to the Indiana Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges Board of Directors** in 2012. I have remained on the Board for 10 years, serving as an **officer since 2015**, and as **President from 2019 – 2021**. In 2021, my colleagues asked me to continue as an officer instead of leaving the executive team in the usual fashion; I am glad to continue serving. As part of the ICFJCJ Board, I have worked side-by-side with members of the General Assembly and system stakeholders to craft clear and effective legislation. Throughout the past 9 years, I have spent hundreds of hours—often on very short notice—collaborating with diverse personalities across multiple disciplines on legislative issues, and have provided written and verbal testimony on several occasions. Some examples from the 2021 legislative session include SB 368 regarding juvenile jail removal (IC 31-30-3-12), juvenile competency (IC 31-37-11-11), automatic expungement (IC 31-39-8-3.5); SB 197 and HB 1256 (children and firearms), and SB 259 (parents with disabilities).

I served on the **Juvenile Justice Improvement Committee (JJIC)** from 2015 until 2021. **Chief Justice Rush appointed me to serve as Chair from 2018 – 2021**. The Committee discusses policy matters affecting juveniles, reviews recent legislation concerning juveniles and juvenile courts, and acts as liaison with state and private

agencies that work with juveniles. The JJIC communicates with the ICJFCJ regarding legislation of interest, and with the Juvenile Benchbook Committee regarding areas in which judges need additional guidance or training.

I served on the **Juvenile Benchbook Committee** from 2013 until 2015. The Benchbook Committee is tasked with digesting new legislation prior to implementation and providing written guidance and forms to judges on how to comply with the new laws. The Committee writes and updates benchbooks on juvenile paternity, child in need of services, delinquency, and termination of parental rights cases. During my tenure, I participated in rewriting the Paternity Benchbook, as well as several hearing dialogues (they have been updated since that time).

I drafted the **Judicial Conference of Indiana District 14 Governance Plan** for Grant and Madison Counties in 2014, <https://www.in.gov/courts/files/district-14-rules.pdf>, as required by Indiana Administrative Rule 3(B).

Administration of Grant County’s Alternative Dispute Resolution Plan and Fund. In 2013, I wrote an Alternative Dispute Resolution Fund Plan for all Grant County Courts, which was then approved by the State. I provide fiscal management of the fund, prepare and submit annual state reports. Through this program we are able to provide free or low-cost mediation and parent education to low-income families involved in custody disputes.

- C. If applicable, list up to five of your contributions to legal journals or other legal publications. Provide titles, official citations, and a brief description of the subject matter.

Dana J. Kenworthy, *The Austrian Psychotherapy Act: No Legal Duty to Warn*, 11 Ind. Int’l & Comp. L. Rev. 469 (2001). The article compares Austria’s Psychotherapy Act which provides no exceptions to patient confidentiality, and United States law which provides multiple exceptions.

- D. Identify the five most significant legal matters entrusted to you, whether as a judge or lawyer, and describe why you believe them to be so.

1. Family Recovery Court (FRC) for Child in Need of Services (CHINS) cases.

I led the establishment of a Family Recovery Court (FRC), certified in 2015, and consider it one of the most significant legal matters entrusted to me. I am proud of the impact it has had in Grant County and throughout Indiana as a model program. From 2001 – 2010, I handled hundreds of cases involving child abuse and neglect as a

Deputy Prosecutor, served as a Guardian Ad Litem for children in custody cases, and was a foster parent. I had served as a victim advocate before becoming an attorney. Therefore, when I became Judge in 2010, I was strongly focused on children. In CHINS cases, my perspective evolved into a holistic view of the family. Parents had more often than not suffered multiple traumas, and many had been CHINS children. I repeatedly saw multi-generational poverty, neglect and abuse. The 2012 surge of the opioid epidemic compounded these issues and began a new cycle—mothers with baby after baby born substance-exposed. The existing CHINS system toolkit simply was not working for these families. I assembled a multidisciplinary team of stakeholders to brainstorm solutions, research evidence-based approaches, and ultimately begin a FRC.

FRC focuses on the highest risk, highest need families. These are families who are extremely unlikely to remain intact without intensive treatment and services. Since the Indiana Office of Court Services certified our FRC in 2015, 38 participants have graduated, and we have celebrated 13 babies of participants born substance-free. One of our early participants personified the situation that drove us to begin FRC—multi-generational poverty and neglect, and repeated trauma throughout her life. The skeptics on our newly-formed team did not believe she could succeed. But the team rallied around her, and hoped for her when she could not hope for herself. She not only graduated and reunified with her children, but became the catalyst to help her brother achieve recovery as well. Problem-solving courts transform lives.

2. Cases Involving Parental Rights & Child Custody. Termination of Parental Rights (TPR) cases are particularly weighty, sometimes described as the death penalty cases of the juvenile court. The trial court judge must protect the Constitutional rights of parents as well as the wellbeing of children. These cases are highly emotional and rarely clear-cut, requiring a careful and rational consideration of numerous factors. In 12 years on the bench, I have presided over hundreds of TPR cases. For every hour of trial, I spend 2 to 3 hours drafting detailed findings. Because these cases permanently affect the lives of children and families, and because court error will only further delay permanency for a child, I take these cases very seriously. See, i.e., *In Re L.S.*, 27D02-1511-JT-22, affirmed 27A02-1609-JT-2282 (Ind. Ct. App. April 27, 2017), Order on Termination of Parental Rights of Mother J.S. to Child L.S. entered August 31, 2016. [See Tab 7 \(Writing Sample #1\)](#).

Child custody cases likewise require meticulous consideration of numerous factors in a highly emotional proceeding, and likewise affect the trajectory of a family. In these

cases, the trial court has an opportunity to encourage civility between parents, and set a tone protective of a child's wellbeing. The Court can emphasize parents' strengths, and encourage parents to focus on the blessing born rather than the breakdown of their relationship. I have found that this approach greatly reduces the unnecessary animosity in hearings, and steers parents toward a healthier co-parenting relationship instead of a "me vs. you" mindset. See, i.e., *Faulk v. Faulk*, 27D02-1603-DR-86, Child Custody Order entered January 13, 2017.

3. **Criminal Cases.** I have handled thousands of criminal cases, mostly felony cases, as a deputy prosecutor and trial court judge. Criminal cases involve life-long consequences for victims and defendants beyond the conviction and sentence. Below are a few examples of my most significant criminal cases.

State of Indiana v. Alfred Solomon, 27D02-0902-MR-26, affirmed 27A02-1005-CR-534, was the final and finest case I tried as a deputy prosecutor. On the night of March 2, 1979, Alfred Solomon drove through Marion, Indiana with his wife and 2-year-old daughter, stopping at the home of Terry Headley. Solomon bound, cut, robbed, shot and killed Mr. Headley. Over the course of 5 years, I led the prosecution team in building the case. I was the lead in researching, assembling, organizing and preparing the case for trial.

Cold cases are typically revived due to changes in relationships or advances in technology; in this case, the former was true. But the most significant factor that allowed us to file this case was a change in Indiana law. In 2005, the Indiana Supreme Court pierced the "marital privilege" in *Glover v. State*, 836 N.E.2d 414. As a result, Solomon's wife was no longer barred from voluntarily testifying against her husband.

Five years of trial preparation unearthed the depth of devastation that had continued for three decades: The psychological damage to the victim's girlfriend and young son, and the teenage witnesses who all suffered nonstop fear that Solomon would come for them next. Solomon's wife struggled to cope with the danger of her knowledge. Most remarkably to me, Solomon's daughter carried shame, responsibility, and guilt throughout her life because she was in the car at the time of the murder, at 2 years of age.

I built a relationship with Solomon's daughter, supporting and encouraging her, and eventually helping her share her experience during the trial. I also had the opportunity to speak with Mr. Headley's son, who was close in age to Solomon's daughter. In pretrial meetings, Solomon's daughter and Mr. Headley's son independently asked me if they could meet each other. I made the introduction, and

watched the two share a tragic common experience, both appearing to exhale after holding their breath for 31 years.

Due to the complexity and gravity of the evidence, I knew my final argument needed to be well-organized, clear and compelling. I still recall the intense pressure. I did not want to fail these two families—the Victim’s or the Defendant’s. The jury convicted Solomon, but more importantly, the survivors started to heal.

State of Indiana v. DeAngelo Evans, 27D02-1602-F4-8, affirmed 85 N.E.3d 632 (Ind. Ct. App. 2017). [See Tab 9 \(Writing Sample #3\)](#). In February 2016, Deangelo Evans operated a motor vehicle while intoxicated, causing the death of 3 international Manchester University students from Africa, and seriously injuring another. This case involved a lengthy sentencing hearing with highly emotional victim impact statements and voluminous defense mitigation evidence, and resulted in a published appellate decision. It highlighted the polar outcomes that can result from deprivation. The victims were from impoverished African countries, yet found motivation to pursue higher education in order to improve their native communities. On the other end, Evans saw his own impoverishment and lack of parental supervision as excuses, and refused many opportunities to improve his lot in life. The collision of the lives of Evans and the victims resulted in the worst possible tragedy. During this lengthy sentencing hearing, the magnitude of loss and suffering was physically palpable—with air heavy and thick with grief and anger. As the judge, it fell to me to maintain composure and reason, without discounting the highly charged emotions of the witnesses and Evans, to determine a just, fair, and legally sound decision. For this reason, this case was one of the most significant—and difficult—of my career.

Finally, cases involving suppression of evidence or dismissal of charges provide an opportunity to articulate important truths about the rights of the accused, the importance of due process and, in certain cases, a guide for improving the system of justice. In these cases, I enter written Orders striving to provide clear guidance to parties in an effort to avoid similar issues in the future. See, i.e., *State of Indiana v. James Lee Roby*, 27D02-1406-FD-232, Order on Defendant’s Motion to Dismiss entered June 12, 2015; *State of Indiana v. Kenneth Miller*, 27D02-0608-FA-161, Court’s Findings and Order on Defendant’s Motion to Suppress Evidence entered November 8, 2010.

4. Civil Jury Trials. Article I Section 20 of the Indiana Constitution provides, “In all civil cases, the right of trial by jury should remain inviolate.” A forum for resolution

of civil disputes is necessary for a peaceful society. As a trial court judge, I have presided over hundreds of civil cases. Eight of these cases concluded with a jury trial, including five automobile collision cases and three medical malpractice cases. In each case, it was clear that the parties had waited with great anticipation for their day in court. They appeared early, professionally dressed, and eager to be heard. When I was new to the bench, I received excellent advice from a colleague: "Treat each case like it is the most important case you will ever hear, because to the parties it is." I have observed this to be especially true in civil jury trials.

I have further observed jurors to be serious in their duty, intent listeners, and reasonable fact-finders. Jurors bring with them common sense, viewing case facts in light of community standards as well as the law. In one civil trial, a charming older woman who was employed as a housekeeper served as a juror. She was amazed that everyone in the courtroom stood up when the jury entered and exited the room. Afterward, she commented to me, "Everyone stood up for me! This is serious business. I feel so honored and special. Can I come back again?" It is vital to remember that trials are not only important to litigants; jury service is a citizen's right and opportunity to participate in our government.

5. *Mooreville Public Library v. Community Foundation of Morgan County, Inc.*, 55D01-1509-TR-131. [See Tab 8 \(Writing Sample #2\)](#).

This trust case originated in a non-contiguous southern county, the presiding judge contacted me and indicated that I had been recommended to serve as special judge based on my legal reasoning and research skills. I was glad to serve. The critical and complicated legal issue was whether an instrument was a trust or an endowment. Although I had little experience in trust cases, I spent many hours researching and writing a detailed order. *Mooreville Public Library v. Community Foundation of Morgan County, Inc.*, 55D01-1509-TR-131, Order on Motion for Summary Judgment entered August 11, 2017. Following issuance of this order, the case settled in mediation. This particular case is significant to me for two reasons. First, I wanted to honor the intent of the person who had left such a generous legacy. Second, the case was outside my comfort zone, and gave me a chance to discover that I truly enjoy taking a deep dive into new legal issues and find the challenge rewarding.

7. Efforts to Improve the Legal System, Administration of Justice, or Society

- A. Describe your efforts, achievements, or contributions (including written work, speeches, or presentations) toward the improvement of the law, the legal system, or the

administration of justice. Include a description of any management or leadership roles you undertook to achieve these goals, and describe any specific instances in which your collaborative efforts helped achieve these goals.

Grant County Family Recovery Court: 1 of 8 National Peer Learning Courts. In 2013, I assembled a multidisciplinary team to study the Family Recovery Court (FRC) model—problem-solving courts designed to provide intensive supervision and treatment services for Child in Need of Services families struggling with substance abuse disorder. Our team studied existing FRCs in Marion and Vanderburgh Counties, and traveled to observe a Peer Learning Court in Jackson County, Missouri. We sought state grant funding for planning and implementation, developed program policies and procedures, and received State problem-solving court certification in February 2015. In order to “pay forward” the guidance we received from other peer courts, we applied and were selected in 2021 as 1 of 8 Peer Learning FRCs in the United States. My management and leadership accomplishments include:

- Hosted site visits and/or provided technical assistance to 23 other Indiana counties, and 4 other states. We have the reputation as “the gold standard” for FRCs in Indiana, and are glad to provide guidance and assistance to others.
- Served as peer reviewer for the national *Family Treatment Court Best Practice Standards* (2019), developed through a partnership of the Center for Children and Family Futures (CFF) and National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP). <https://www.cffutures.org/home-page/ftc-best-practice-standards-2019/>.
- Successfully sought and administered over \$1.1 million in federal and state grant funding to support operations, provide team training, and fill gaps in services for families.
- Led the multidisciplinary team, which includes Department of Child Services attorneys, case managers and supervisors; parent attorneys; Court-Appointed Special Advocates; 3 treatment providers (outpatient and medication-assisted treatment); public housing representative; foster care representative; and program evaluator.
- Established a partnership with the Marion Housing Authority (MHA), whereby FRC participants become eligible for housing vouchers once they reach phase 2. MHA earmarks priority vouchers for FRC participants and provides supportive services through MHA’s Family Self-Sufficiency Program.
- Continuous work to create a recovery-inclusive community. The FRC team has built many supportive partnerships, i.e., local churches that host and assist with

graduations and parenting education program, provide material relief for participants, and sew quilts for our children.

- Served on the Indiana FRC Work Group led by Justice Goff since December 2018.
- Received National Drug Court Institute (NDCI) instructor training, serve as trainer for Indiana problem-solving court judges, and have given numerous state and national presentations (See Section 7E below for detailed list of presentations).
- Recognized in Chief Justice Loretta Rush’s State of the Judiciary speech in 2018 and 2019.
- In 2019, FRC awarded the Vision Award by Family Service Society, Inc.

Indiana Supreme Court Resuming Court Operations Task Force. Since April 2020, I have served as 1 of 5 trial court judges appointed by the Indiana Supreme Court to lead the way in establishing guidelines for resuming court operations after the onset of the COVID pandemic. The Task Force includes Office of Judicial Administration staff, and gathers input from numerous professionals throughout the justice system as well as public health authorities. As a result of this work, “Resuming Operations of the Trial Courts: COVID-19 Guidelines for Indiana’s Judiciary” was published on May 13, 2021, <https://www.in.gov/courts/files/covid19-resuming-trial-court-operations.pdf>. The Task Force is still meeting and providing continued guidance.

Indiana Juvenile Justice Reform Task Force, Member February 2020 – December 2021. I was selected by Co-Chairs Senator Michael Crider and State Representative Wendy McNamara to serve on this Task Force. The Indiana Commission on Improving the Status of Children created the multidisciplinary Task Force in February 2020 to work with the Council of State Governments Justice Center to assess Indiana’s juvenile justice system. A draft list of recommendations is located at <https://www.in.gov/children/files/CISC.2021.JJRTF.Recommendations.1214.pdf>.

Pandemic Guidance through Collaboration of Indiana Council of Juvenile & Family Court Judges (ICJFCJ) Board of Directors and Juvenile Justice Improvement Committee (JJIC). In May and June 2020, the ICJFCJ Board and the JJIC issued pandemic guidance for trial court judges for child in need of services (CHINS), juvenile delinquency, and termination of parental rights cases. This guidance is published in INcite along with the judicial benchbooks, in the Remote Hearing Guidance and COVID-19 Resources section. My management and leadership accomplishments include:

- Led these efforts as President of the ICJFCJ Board and Chair of the JJIC.
- Drafted memoranda, sought input from Board, Committee, Office of Judicial Administration, and multidisciplinary system partners, then submitted for approval and publication.
- Memo to Indiana Trial Court Judges: Suggested Best Practices for CHINS and Delinquency Cases in Light of COVID-19, May 22, 2020.
<https://mycourts.in.gov/BENCH/Documents/juvenile-remote-guidance.pdf>.
See Tab 10 (Writing Sample #4).
- Memo to Indiana Trial Court Judges: Suggested Best Practices for TPR Hearings in Light of COVID-19, June 4, 2020.
<https://mycourts.in.gov/BENCH/Documents/tpr-remote-guidance.pdf>.

National Center for State Courts’ Regional Judicial Opioid Initiative (RJOI). RJOI represents 8 states (Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, North Carolina, Tennessee, West Virginia) and is tasked with developing strategies to combat the opioid epidemic. My management and leadership accomplishments include:

- Served on the Judicial Committee as 1 of 2 Judicial Champions for Indiana from December 2017 until December 2021.
- Co-chaired the Child Welfare and Data Subcommittee from August 2018 to October 2020.
- Results of this collaboration include a national webinar on Safe Baby Courts and launch of an online resource center, <https://www.ncsc.org/amw-rjoi/about-rjoi>.

Indiana Judicial Conference Board of Directors, Committees, and Work Groups. I have been honored to serve on the Judicial Conference Board, as well as several Committees since 2012.

- Board member, September 2012 – September 2014
- Board member ex-officio (as President of the Indiana Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges), June 2019 – June 2021
- Member of the **Court Personnel Committee** June 2021 – Present
- Member of the **Family First Prevention Services Act Work Group**, December 2018 – Present
- **Juvenile Justice Improvement Committee**, Chair September 2018 – June 2021, Member September 2015 – June 2021. Chief Justice Rush appointed me as Chair to lead judicial discussion of policy matters affecting juveniles, review recent legislation concerning juveniles and juvenile courts, act as liaison with

state and private agencies that work with juveniles, and give presentations at judicial conferences.

- **Juvenile Benchbook Committee**, Member 2013 – 2015. The Committee writes and updates two benchbooks covering topics of child in need of services case (CHINS), paternity, termination of parental rights, and delinquency.

Indiana Child Services Oversight Committee, Member September 2018 – Present. The Committee reviews DCS data reports, DCS ombudsman reports, hears community input, and makes recommendations to the Indiana Commission on Improving the Status of Children.

Indiana Advisory Commission on GAL/CASA, Member July 2022 – Present. The Commission provides the State Office of GAL/CASA recommendations and advice regarding services, training, and program standards.

Indiana Interstate Compact State Council, Member June 2019 – June 2021. The Council includes members from all 3 branches of government and oversees the Interstate Compact for adults and juveniles.

Internship and Mentorship. For the past 12 years, I have mentored numerous interns from Indiana Wesleyan University, Taylor University, and Ivy Tech. Many have gone on to successful legal careers. I was the beneficiary of mentorship in multiple internships during undergraduate studies and law school, and view this as an opportunity to “pay it forward.” I also encourage staff to pursue their goals, even though it may result in staff pursuing other positions. In 2015, I hired the original Coordinator for Family Recovery Court; as a result of her growth and excellent performance, the national technical assistance provider for FRCs, The Center for Children and Family Futures, hired her in 2020. Although I was sad to lose her, I was very proud of her growth and supportive of her transition. When she left, she gave me a print of a quote from Mahatma Gandhi: “A sign of a good leader is not how many followers you have but how many leaders you create.” This remains in my office as a reminder to always serve others. I have been recognized for leadership and mentorship through awards in 2008 (YWCA Tribute to Women, Professions & Business Award), 2011 (Family Service Society, Inc. Vision Award), and 2016 (Athena Award from the Marion-Grant County Chamber of Commerce)—although these pale in comparison to watching former interns and staff reach their goals. [See Tab 11](#), Sharp, M., Kenworthy Sees Judgeship as Opportunity to Help Others, Inspire Young

Women, Marion *Chronicle-Tribune* (Mar. 26, 2021). Also see YWCA Tribute to Women video clip at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RMLqjLMjKYA>.

Administration of Grant Funding for Grant County Courts, 2012 – Present. Since 2012, I have regularly sought state and federal grant funding to improve the local Court system. This is not required; I voluntarily assume this onerous task to improve the administration of justice. I am responsible for writing applications and reports, preparing claims, and administration of each of the following grants totaling over \$1.3 million:

- Court Improvement Program grants
- Family Court grants
- Family Recovery Court grants
- Interpreter grants
- Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) grants
- Problem-Solving Court grants

- B. Describe your efforts, achievements, or contributions (including written work, speeches, or presentations) concerning civic, political, or social issues. Include a description of any management or leadership roles you undertook in this area, and describe any specific instances in which your collaborative efforts in this area led to a successful result.

In 1998, I produced a community education video: “A Time to Live: Surviving Domestic Violence in Grant County,” while acting as Community Education Coordinator for Marion Police Department and Family Service Society, Inc. I arranged victim interviews, makeup, music rights, videography, wrote the narration, and narrated the video. The video continued to be used for years thereafter as a community education tool.

As Community Education Coordinator for Family Service Society, Inc. and Marion Police Department, I gave numerous community presentations regarding domestic violence and child abuse prevention. I established the “Hands Are Not for Hitting” domestic violence education program and “Kid-Ability” child abuse program for elementary children in Grant County Schools. This required extensive collaboration and trust building with area schools, followed by management of a very busy presentation schedule during each school year.

From 2007 – April 16, 2010, I served as Secretary of the Grant County Republican Party. I managed records, sent notices for caucuses, and organized events such as fundraisers and annual Lincoln Dinners.

Since I took the bench, I have followed the Code of Judicial Conduct and avoided public advocacy that would cause a conflict of interest or place my impartiality into question. Adhering to those standards, I was still able to serve as judge for the “We the People” annual competitions at Mississinewa Community Schools between 2013 and 2017. I also served as emcee and/or judge for the Grant County DART Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco Awareness Quiz Bowl for 4th through 8th grade students in 2014, 2015, 2018, 2019 and 2022.

- C. Describe your efforts, achievements, or contributions (including written work, speeches, or presentations) to improve your local, state, or national community through charitable work or public service. Include a description of any management or leadership roles you undertook in this area, and describe any specific instances in which your collaborative efforts in this area led to a successful result.

Indiana Governor’s Adoption Study Committee, Member 2014 – 2016. I was appointed by Governor Mike Pence to serve on this multidisciplinary Committee to improve the adoption process in Indiana. Final Report of the Committee was presented at the May 18, 2016 meeting of the Indiana Commission on Improving the Status of Children. See video clip of Grant County’s National Adoption Day Celebration at <https://wiwutv.com/national-adoption-day-in-grant-county/>. See Tab 12 for photos of Grant County’s National Adoption Day celebrations.

Grant County Community Corrections Board/Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council, Member, April 2010 – Present. President, 2021 – Present, and 2017 – 2018. Vice-President 2019 – 2020. As President and Vice-President, I have led the Board/Council in formulating a community corrections plan, applying for and administering grant funding and program budget, preparing state reports, and ensuring programming is effective and evidence-based. I also currently Co-Chair a Subcommittee studying jail overcrowding and plan for use of the local juvenile detention center.

Indiana Wesleyan University Citizens Advisory Council, Member 2014 – Present. This Council consists of community leaders from varied businesses and government agencies, and focuses on connecting the University to the community. I attend quarterly meetings, network with members and University staff, and provide reports on Court business as requested.

Grant County Substance Abuse Task Force, Member 2012 – Present. This multidisciplinary task force began as the Maternal Substance Abuse Task Force, and evolved into the larger countywide Task Force. The Task Force studies substance

abuse trends, and provides prevention and intervention community programming. I originally served as the Intervention Subcommittee Chair; the idea for Grant County's Family Recovery Court originated in this Subcommittee.

Grant County Evidence-Based Decision-Making Committee, Member October 2010 – November 2015. This multidisciplinary Committee was formed to receive technical assistance to examine criminal justice system practices, identify gaps in research-based practices, and to collaboratively implement an action plan to address those gaps. Grant County was 1 of 7 pilot sites selected by the National Institute of Corrections for this work. More on this work can be viewed at <https://info.nicic.gov/ebdm/node/28>.

First Light Child Advocacy Center Multidisciplinary Team, Member, 2003 – 2010. The Center provides a child-friendly atmosphere for the investigation of allegations of abuse and neglect. As a deputy prosecutor, I provided on-site legal guidance during child interviews and investigations, and served as a trainer for Finding Words, Indiana (child interviewing protocol).

Grant County Sexual Assault Response Team (SART), 2003 – 2010. SART provided immediate emergency victim assistance to victims of sexual assault, as well as follow-up services. I managed the volunteer schedule and served as a volunteer advocate for victims, responding to the hospital, law enforcement agencies and/or crime scenes to assist victims, and provided follow-up support including attending court proceedings with victims.

Marion Mayor's Commission Against Domestic Violence, Member 1994 – 1998; 2001 – 2010, Vice-Chair 2003 – 2010. The Commission's purpose is to "eliminate interpersonal violence within families in our community." As a member and vice-chair, I helped organize community education events, worked with the multidisciplinary Commission membership to improve criminal justice system policies and services, and studied domestic violence fatalities with the Fatality Review Team. In 1997, the Mayor's Commission presented me with an award for Outstanding Service to Victims of Sexual Assault.

Serious Habitual Offender Comprehensive Action Plan (SHOCAP)/Safe Policy & Safe Futures, Team Member 2003 – 2010. The team worked to "increase the effectiveness of the police, prosecutor, and juvenile authorities in dealing with and reducing juvenile criminal activity and drug use." During 6 of my 9 years as a deputy prosecutor, I handled juvenile delinquency cases. The multidisciplinary SHOCAP team

convened with children and families involved in the delinquency system to ensure they received coordinated community services tailored to their specific needs.

D. Describe the nature and extent of any pro bono legal services you have contributed.

After law school, I served on the District 6 Access to Justice Board (June 2002 to January 2010), working to improve legal services for indigent litigants in our district. I served as Chair of the Grant County Pro Bono Project from 2003 to 2010, organizing non-attorney volunteers to work intake hours and referring cases to volunteer attorneys. I organized Grant County’s inaugural “Talk to a Lawyer Day” event as part of our community’s Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration in 2005, and continued to organize the event annually until 2010. I received the Randall T. Shepard Award from the Indiana Pro Bono Commission in 2006. [See Tab 13.](#)

During law school, I volunteered at the Indiana University School of Law Pro Bono Program’s Civil Practice Clinic, focusing on family law cases involving domestic violence. I also served as a volunteer legal writing tutor through the Dean’s Tutorial Society.

E. Indicate your experience teaching law. Provide the dates, names of institutions or programs, and a description of the subject matter taught.

Indiana Office of Court Services Judicial Education Events:

Date	Program	Subject Matter
Oct. 2021	Problem-Solving Court Judge Orientation (recorded webinar)	Motivational Interviewing from the Bench
June 2021	Juvenile Judicial Officers Annual Meeting	Welcome & Opening Remarks Recent Legislation
April 2021	Spring Judicial College	Top 20 Unanswered Questions About Court Operations During a Pandemic
Sept. 2020	Indiana Judicial Conference Annual Meeting	Race & Equity: What is the Judge’s Role?
June 2019	Juvenile Judicial Officers Annual Meeting	Family First Prevention Services Act Due Process in CHINS & TPR Cases
Mar. 2019	Problem-Solving Court Judge Orientation	Court Team & Staffing

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		Motivational Interviewing from the Bench
Mar. 2019	Juvenile Judge Workshop	Leadership & the Role of the Judge
Feb. 2019	General Jurisdiction Orientation	Problem-Solving Courts
Jan. 2019	General Jurisdiction Orientation	CHINS, TPR, & DCS
Sept. 2018	Indiana Judicial Conference Annual Meeting	Family Recovery Court Playbook: Your Home Court's Advantage
June 2018	Juvenile Judicial Officers Annual Meeting	Case Law Update: CHINS, TPR, Adoption, Paternity, & Protective Orders Legislative Update
April 2018	Family Court Annual Meeting	Family Recovery Courts: Addressing the Opioid Crisis Through Problem-Solving Court
May 2017	Juvenile Judicial Officers Annual Meeting	Recent Legislation Case Law Update: CHINS, TPR, Adoption, & Paternity
Jan. 2017	General Jurisdiction Orientation	CHINS, TPR, & DCS
June 2016	Juvenile Judicial Officers Annual Meeting	CHINS & TPR Case Law Update
June 2015	Juvenile Judicial Officers Annual Meeting	Governor's Council on Adoption CHINS & TPR Case Law Update
Feb. 2015	New Juvenile Judicial Officer Orientation	Best Practice Tips for Termination of Parent-Child Relationship
April & Aug. 2014	Domestic Violence Workshop	Allegations of Family Violence in a Family Law Case: Now What Do I Do?

National Educational Events:

- National Center for State Courts Webinar, "Family Treatment Courts: The Why and How", Apr. 2020.
- National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare Virtual Presentation for Arkansas Juvenile Judges Conference, "Collaborating for Change," Nov. 2021.

Indiana General Assembly Educational Events:

- “Law School for Legislators: CHINS and TPR,” Indiana Statehouse, Jan. 2019.
- “Law School for Legislators: Family Recovery Court,” Indiana Statehouse, Feb. 2019.

State and County Continuing Legal Education (CLE):

- “Family Recovery Court” for the Allen County Bar Association, Nov. 2018.
- “As Judges See It: Top Mistakes Attorneys Make in Civil Litigation” for the National Business Institute, Ft Wayne, Nov. 2016.
- “The Adoption Hearing: A Judge’s Perspective” for Indiana attorneys, Indiana Government Center, Mar. 2015.

GAL/CASA:

- “What Judges Want to Know from GAL/CASA Volunteers: A View from the Bench” at the Indiana GAL/CASA Annual Conference, Indianapolis in 2014 and Ft. Wayne in 2021.

Adjunct Professor:

- Interpersonal Violence course, Indiana Wesleyan University, Jan. 2011 – Apr. 2013.
- Juvenile Justice, Cybercrime, and Introduction to Criminal Justice courses, Indiana Business College/Harrison College, Apr. 2008 – June 2009.

Law Enforcement:

- Finding Words, Indiana: taught prosecutors, law enforcement officers, child protection investigators, and victim advocates how to properly interview child victims and witnesses of crime. June 2007 – Apr. 2010.
- As deputy prosecutor, taught annual legal update sessions for local law enforcement officers, 2001 - 2010.
- “How to Testify in Court” for Indiana NENA (National Emergency Number Association) dispatchers, 2010.
- Prior to law school, I served as Community Education Coordinator for Marion Police Department and Family Service Society, Inc. I was certified by the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy to train law enforcement officers in family violence issues, and provided training to 200 officers, Sept. 1996 – Feb. 1998.

8. Memberships and Other Activities

- A. List any memberships and offices you have held in professional organizations, including dates and descriptions of both the organization's purpose and your involvement.

National Council of Juvenile & Family Court Judges, Member 2012 – Present. The purpose of NCJFCJ is to provide “judges, courts, and related agencies involved with juvenile, family, and domestic violence cases the knowledge and skills to improve the lives of the families and children who seek justice.” I have served in several leadership roles for the Indiana chapter (listed below).

Indiana Council of Juvenile & Family Court Judges Board of Directors:

Member 2012 – Present

Treasurer June 2015 – June 2017, Vice-President June 2017 – June 2019, President June 2019 – June 2021; Secretary 2021 – 2022, Vice-President June 2022 - Present. I was elected by my colleagues to serve in these positions. As President, I led judicial discussion of policy matters affecting juveniles, reviewed recent legislation, communicated with legislators and system stakeholders, provided written and verbal input during legislative sessions, gave presentations at judicial conferences, and collaborated with agencies that work with juveniles. After completing the two-year term as President, my colleagues elected me to return to the officer team for a second cycle.

Indiana Department of Child Services Regional Service Council (Region 7), Proxy for Prosecutor James Luttrull, Jr. 2008 – 2010, Judicial Member 2010 - Present. The purpose of the Council is to manage service delivery and placement for Indiana's most vulnerable and needy children and families.

Grant County Bar Association, Member 2001 – Present, President 2004 – 2006 and 2007 – 2010. The Association organizes training and networking events for members, and encourages civility among Bar members. As President, I took the lead in organizing annual social events such as banquets and golf scrambles, and organized opportunities for continuing legal education.

Ratliff-Cox American Inn of Court, Associate Member 2005 – 2006. The Inn's purpose is “to inspire the legal community to advance the rule of law by achieving the highest level of professionalism through example, education and mentoring.”

- B. List any memberships and offices you have held in civic, charitable, or service organizations, including dates and descriptions of both the organization's purpose and your involvement.

Debra Corn Foster Care / White's Foster Care, Foster Parent 2003 – 2006. My husband and I served as foster parents to 15 children, from infants to teenagers, over the course of 3 years. At the time, I was a deputy prosecutor, and my husband Alex was a police officer. We both regularly saw children in dire straits, and decided to open our hearts and home to help. Our first little girl was 4 years old. As I drove her home from the DCS office, she asked me several questions about our house. One question struck me as odd: "Does your house have a basement?" I told her it did, and asked her why she wanted to know that. She said, "You have to hide in the basement." I asked her what she needed to hide from, and she replied "Tornadoes . . . and cops." Halfway home with her I thought, "Oh boy, this is going to be interesting." For the first couple of weeks, she would not go near Alex when he arrived home from work wearing his uniform. We made light of his uniform, calling it his "monkey suit," which she found funny. After time, she would run to hug him despite the uniform. After she returned home to her mom, her elementary school celebrated Heroes Day. Alex attended as part of his police duties. The media was there to cover the event and a photo of them ran on the front page of the newspaper—that picture remains one of my favorites to this day. [See Tab 14](#), Morehead, J., Local Heroes Lead County in 9/11, *Marion Chronicle-Tribune* (Sept. 11, 2006).

Gemmill Foundation Board of Directors, Member June 2012 – Present. The Board manages Foundation funds, reviews scholarship applications, and awards undergraduate and law scholarships annually. The Foundation was established in honor of Willard B. Gemmill, 65th Justice of the Indiana Supreme Court, and his wife Florence J. Gemmill. I received this scholarship all 3 years of law school, and am happy to "pay it forward" through service on the Board.

Marion Grant County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Member October 2010 – September 2016. The Chamber's purpose is to enhance "the retention and expansion of the Grant County business community by providing business support, networking opportunities, educational outreach, and advocacy." The Board focuses on staff oversight, fiscal management, community marketing and programming. I was the 2016 recipient of the Chamber's Athena Award. [See Tab 15](#), Dickerson, A., Judge Kenworthy 2016 Athena Winner, *Marion Chronicle-Tribune* (Nov. 4, 2016).

CASA of Grant County Board of Directors, Member 2008 – 2010, President 2009 – 2010. CASA's purpose is to provide volunteer child advocacy "so every child who has been abused or neglected can be safe, have a permanent home, and the opportunity

to thrive.” The Board focuses on CASA operations, including fiscal and staff management, fundraising and community outreach. During my term as president, I had the opportunity and challenge of hiring and training a new director, and transitioning to new administrative practices.

Family Service Society, Inc. Board of Directors, Member 2005 – 2010, President 2008 – 2009. The purpose of FSSI is to “encourage, empower and educate children, adults and families to change their lives for good.” The Board focuses on agency operations, including fiscal management of multiple funding streams, fundraising and community outreach. As President, I led Board and Subcommittee meetings, reviewed and approved reports.

Marion-Grant County Senior Center Board of Directors, Member 2005 – 2010, Intern 2003 – 2004. The Senior Center’s purpose is to connect older adults to community services and activities that can help them remain healthy, happy and independent. I served as an intern to learn about Board function, and was elected to the Board upon completion of the internship. The Board focuses on Center operations, including fiscal and staff management, community programming and outreach.

- C. List any memberships and offices you hold in social clubs or organizations. If any club or organization restricts its membership on the basis of race, sex, religion, or national origin, please describe your efforts within the organization to eliminate restrictions.

Not Applicable

- D. Describe your hobbies and other leisure activities.

In college, I had the opportunity to spend a semester at the Vienna Center Student Exchange Program in Austria. I lived and studied there for four months, traveling to multiple European countries on weekends and breaks. I had the unique experience of being in Prague on the day the Czechoslovakian government voted to split into two nations. Since then, travel has continued to be a passion, particularly to sites with historic relevance. I take an annual “history nerd” trip with a close friend. A few favorite places are the South Island of New Zealand, Innsbruck, Austria, and Boston, Massachusetts.

My husband Alex and I celebrated 25 years of marriage in May 2022. We spend significant time investing in kids. We have been foster parents for 15 children, and hosts for an exchange student from Azerbaijan. My husband coaches junior high and high school sports, so we spend considerable time at school events. At home, I enjoy

reading, cooking, exercise, hosting extended family gatherings, and spending quiet time with Alex and our comedic cat Sebastian.

9. Legal Proceedings

- A. List any lawsuits or legal proceedings in any jurisdiction, including but not limited to bankruptcies, dissolutions, and criminal matters to which you have been a party. Provide dates, case numbers, courts, names of other parties, and, if needed, a brief explanation. (If minor children are involved [i.e. an adoption], use initials only.)

Trial court judges are commonly named in federal lawsuits by criminal defendants. I have experienced this on five occasions. All have been dismissed.

- **1:14-cv-00266-JTM-SLC**, *Plaintiff Dennis Corey Burgher vs. Defendants John Doe, Darrell Himelick, Michael Ross, Randy Albertson, Cathy Lee, Patrick Kolb, Ryan Troyer, Jamie Moore, Evan Hammond, Dana Kenworthy (as judge), James D. Luttrull, Jr., David Payne, Jerry Drook, Jamie Jones*, filed August 27, 2014 in United States District Court Northern District of Indiana and dismissed March 31, 2015.
- **1:16-cv-00260-TLS-SLC**, *Plaintiff Lloyd Brown, Jr. vs. Defendants David Gilbert, Penny Hix, Jess Alumbaugh, J. Mitchener, T. Brady, Alex Kenworthy, B. McKnight, J. Swanson, D. Sessoms, J. Hurlburt, B. Ridgway, Brian F. McLane, Dana J. Kenworthy (as judge), Warren Haas, Jane Doe's [sic], Carolyn J. Mawery, City of Marion, Grant County*, filed July 5, 2016 in United States District Court Northern District of Indiana and dismissed March 27, 2017.
- **1:19-cv-00007-HAB-SLC**, *Plaintiff Ronald Fields vs. Defendants Benjamin Caudell, Dana Kenworthy (as judge), 8 News, and 11 News*, filed January 1, 2019 in United States District Court Northern District of Indiana and dismissed July 12, 2019.
- **1:21-cv-00011-HAB-SLC**, *Plaintiff Victor Thompson vs. James D. Luttrull, Jr., Drew Tittle, Brian Davis, Gregg Melton, Nathan Thomas, Lindsay Marie Huffman, Scott Hunt, Bridget Foust, David Payne, William Myers, Nathan Meeks, Jerry Drook, Bruce Elliot, Rodney Faulk, Dana Kenworthy (as judge), Jess Alumbaugh*, filed January 11, 2021 in United States District Court Northern District of Indiana and dismissed March 21, 2022.
- **1:2021cv02852**, *Plaintiff Gregory Wilder vs. Dana Kenworthy (as judge)*, filed November 15, 2021 in United States District Court Southern District of Indiana and dismissed January 5, 2022.

27D01-1104-MF-269, Plaintiff Wells Fargo Bank vs. Defendants Kevin P. Thompson, Tamara L. Thompson, Alexander C. Kenworthy, Dana Jo Kenworthy, and Mutual Bank, filed April 6, 2011 in Grant Superior Court 1. My husband and I were erroneously named in this lawsuit, and were dismissed from the case May 10, 2011.

- B. If you ever have been arrested or cited for any violation of the law other than for routine traffic violations, provide dates, jurisdictions, and an explanation of the event and its resolution.

Not Applicable

- C. If you have been disciplined or cautioned, formally or informally, by the Indiana Supreme Court Disciplinary Commission, by the Indiana Commission on Judicial Qualifications, by the Indiana Supreme Court, or by similar entities in any other jurisdiction, identify each instance by date, case number (if applicable), and describe the circumstances and the nature of the outcome or resolution.

Not Applicable

- D. If you have any outstanding federal, state, or local tax obligations, please itemize and explain.

Not Applicable

10. References

- A. Provide the names of three attorneys who have been your professional adversaries in your practice or who have litigated substantial cases in your court and who would be in positions to comment on your qualifications for appointment to an Indiana Appellate Court ([contact information to be included in Part Two of this application](#)).

James Beaman, Esquire

Joe Keith Lewis, Esquire

James Luttrull, Jr., Esquire, former Grant County Prosecutor

- B. Provide the names of three professional references other than those listed in Question 10A ([contact information to be included in Part Two of this application](#)).

Judge Darrin Dolehanty, Wayne Superior Court 3

Ann Vermilion, District 31 State Representative

Judge Jeff Todd, Grant Superior Court 1

- C. Provide the names of three personal references other than those listed in Question 10A or 10B ([contact information to be included in Part Two of this application](#)).

Lisa Dominisse, Grant-Blackford Mental Health CEO

Leslie Hendricks, Grant County CASA Director

Alex Huskey, Pastor, Ivy Tech Chancellor (Marion Campus), former Chairman of Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Coalition & Indiana Governor's Commission for a Drug-Free Indiana