

**JUDICIAL CONFERENCE OF INDIANA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Minutes
Indianapolis, Indiana
April 26, 2022**

1. **Attendees:**

a. Members: Craig Bobay (proxy for Jennifer DeGroot), Cale Bradford, Jon Brown (proxy for Paul Felix), Stephanie Campbell, Vicki Carmichael, Marla Clark, Dean Colvin, Wendy Davis, Darrin Dolehanty, Charnette Garner, Clayton Graham (member and as proxy for Mark Dudley), Kelsey Hanlon (proxy for James Humphrey), Elizabeth Hurley, Amy Jones, Clay Kellerman, Steve Kitts, Jeryl Leach, Gretchen Lund, Kristen McVey, Gary Miller, Bradley Mohler, James Muehlhausen, Jennifer Newton (member and as proxy for Matthew Rentschler), Lakshmi Reddy, Hunter Reece, Loretta Rush, Leslie Shively, Greg Smith, Rich Stalbrink, Mark Stoner, AmyMarie Travis, Bob Witham, Dan Zielinski.

b. Not in attendance: Jennifer DeGroot (Craig Bobay appointed as proxy), Mark Dudley (Clayton Graham appointed as proxy), Paul Felix (Jon Brown appointed as proxy), James Humphrey (Kelsey Hanlon appointed as proxy), Kristina Kantar, Matthew Rentschler (Jennifer Newton appointed as proxy).

c. Guests: Steve David, Chris Goff, Maria Granger, Jason Reyome.

d. Staff: Jennifer Bauer, Mary DePrez, Kathryn Dolan, Justin Forkner, Michelle Goodman, Mary Kay Hudson, Bob Rath, Jeffrey Wiese, Amanda Wishin, Josh Woodward.

2. **Welcome and opening remarks.** Chief Justice Loretta Rush welcomed the Board and in turn encouraged them to welcome judges new to the bench. The Chief also announced that the Court will be providing Zoom licenses for another year, and that the Rules Committee is still working to thoughtfully craft Admin. Rule 14. Chief Justice Rush is pleased with the judicial salary increase for the year; most of the budget requests for the upcoming session will focus on trial court needs. Justice Steve David said a few words for his last Board meeting while still on the bench.

3. **Minutes.** A motion was made by Judge Mark Stoner and seconded by Judge Stephanie Campbell to approve the minutes from the meeting held December 9, 2021. The motion carried unanimously.

4. **Court of Appeals Report.** Judge Cale Bradford encouraged the Board by reminding that that they are leaders and eventually their caseloads will decrease. He also mentioned that

the Court of Appeals caseload is about half criminal, a third civil, 17% juvenile, and 1% administrative appeals.

5. **Indiana Judges Association (IJA) report.** President, Judge Darrin Dolehanty, reported that the 2022 legislative session was particularly busy, but that their lobbyists did a great job. The IJA was in support of HB 1004, which gives judges discretion to send L6 defendants to DOC or keep them local. Judge Dolehanty requested that during the summer judges make contact with their local legislators and. He also mentioned that the interim study committee will be making decisions this summer about adding and removing judicial officers. Finally, the Senior Judge Committee is working on a retirement booklet and that the model jury instructions will be handled differently in the future.
6. **Indiana Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (ICJFCJ) report:** Vice President, Judge Kelsey Hanlon, reported that it was also an active legislative session for juvenile bills. She noted that lawyers for children is being considered by a summer study committee, HEA 1359 was an overhaul bill. They will be creating a taskforce/commission to iron out any issues with implementation of HEA 1359.
7. **Jury Committee.** Judge Amy Jones, on behalf of the Jury Committee, announced that the Jury Committee is developing a proposal to increase the statutory juror compensation rates because the last raise occurred in 1997. The Committee propose a vote at the September meeting. Any comments or concerns should be sent to Michelle Goodman.
8. **Cameras in the Courtroom Pilot (Court Security Committee and Community Relations Committee).** Judge Maria Granger, chair of Community Relations, and Mag. Jason Reyome, chair of Court Security Committee, announced that the pilot approved by the Board in 2018 that allowed media to bring cameras into designated courtrooms has been completed and the Committees recommend amending Judicial Conduct Rule 2.17 to give judicial officers discretion to allow media to take photos/film inside courtrooms. After questions, Judge Leslie Shively moved to approve the amendment and Judge AmyMarie Travis seconded the motion. The vote passed with a majority, with six votes against and one abstention.
9. **Office of Judicial Administration report:** Justin Forkner, Chief Administrative Officer, noted that the Office's chief diversity officer is leaving, but that Princess Darnell is still providing trainings.
 - a. **Indiana Office of Court Service report.** Mary Kay Hudson reported that most open positions have now been filled; the newest employee is Linda Girard with the Education Division. She also noted that the Justice Services Conference is next week. She announced that the applications for problem solving grants are due May 6 and that the Chief Justice approved 3.33% raise for probation officers. As a heads up, she also announced that there is significant work to be done because of HEA 1359 and the Board will need to approve updated probation standards by July 1, 2023.

b. Court Technology report. Mary DePrez reported that a few city/town courts are interested in converting to Odyssey. She also noted that 25 counties participate in the tax-intercept program, collecting about \$1.1 million a year, and it will start intercepting the automatic taxpayer refunds as well. Court Technology is still working on a jail management system. Some counties are pilots will interface with Odyssey. The Supervised Release System is another large initiative, and they are converting counties over to the new system, hoping to have all counties deployed by the end of the year. Court Tech is also working on giving parties access to their case on mycase; this will be accomplished by providing an access code to the party on the case to gain access through mail. If a county has a cybersecurity issue, call David Steward, their chief IT director, for assistance.

10. **Other business.** Judge Stephanie Campbell reported that there is a 1st Amendment auditor issue in her area. Chief Justice Rush reminded the Board that a memo on how to handle auditors was sent in a Wednesday message.

11. **Next meetings:**

- September 7, 2022 – 10:30am – South Bend
- December 8, 2022 – 3pm - Carmel