

**CRIMINAL BENCHBOOK COMMITTEE  
INDIANA JUDICIAL CONFERENCE**

**MINUTES**

**Meeting – Conference Call – April 24, 2020**

The Criminal Benchbook Committee of the Indiana Judicial Conference convened on April 24, 2020, via conference call.

1. **Members participating.** Sarah Mullican, Chair, Mathew Bailey, Stephanie Campbell, Wendy Davis, David Happe, Jennifer Harrison, Crystal Kocher, Helen Marchal, Rex Kepner, Donald Mote, John Plummer, Michael Reed, Jeffrey Sanford, and Jeffrey Sharp.
2. **Staff participating.** Henry Flores.
3. **AR 17/COVID-19.**
  - The Committee broke from the usual revision agenda to discuss Administrative Rules 14 and 17 and how they will operate during the pandemic. The Committee discussed many topics including the permissibility of telephonic hearings, the necessity of live streaming remote hearings, Criminal Rule 4 tolling, jury deliberations in small rooms, and how to enforce social distancing.
  - Staff counsel answered questions and agreed to research questions of which the answer was unknown and report back to the Committee via email.
5. **Next meeting.** The next meeting, by way of conference call, was proposed for June 12, 2020, at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry Flores  
Richard Payne  
Staff Counsel

**CRIMINAL BENCHBOOK COMMITTEE  
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**MINUTES  
TEAMS Virtual Meeting  
July 24, 2020**

The Criminal Benchbook Committee of the Indiana Judicial Conference convened by TEAMS conference call on July 24, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

2. **Members participating**- Judges Mullican (Chair), Harrison, Reed, Plumber, Happe, Heller, Mote and Mag. Ditton.
  
2. **Staff participating**- Richard Payne and Henry Flores
  
3. **Past minutes approved** - The Committee approved the corrected minutes of the April 20, 2020 and June 2, 2020 meetings.
  
4. **Approved revisions** - Revisions to Speedy Trial and Death Penalty sections were discussed and approved with corrections for citations. Henry Flores will review Post Conviction Relief in track changes and for citations.
  
5. **Outstanding revision status** - Participating judges presented brief reports concerning the status of the revisions of their sections.
  
6. **Miscellaneous** – the Committed had a discussion related to trial experiences during the pandemic and Indiana Admin. R. 17. The Chair also solicited volunteers to participate in an upcoming webinar regarding competency to stand trial.
  
7. **Next meeting** September 18, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Payne  
Henry Flores  
Staff Counsel