

Domestic Relations Benchbook Committee
Judicial Conference of Indiana

Meeting in Person
February 28, 2025

The Domestic Relations Benchbook Committee of the Judicial Conference of Indiana met on Friday, February 28, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. This meeting took place at 251 N. Illinois Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

1. Members present. Chair Gregory Smith, Andrew Boch, Molly Briles, Michael Casti, Christopher Kehler, Michael Kramer, Jeryl Leach, Phillip Sheward, and Lisa Swaim.
2. Staff present. Joseph Fischer and Kelly Elliott, Staff Attorneys for the Indiana Office of Court Services provided the committee with staff assistance.
3. Minutes approved. October 25, 2024, minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve is made by Judge Kramer, seconded by Judge Kehler. Minutes approved unanimously.
4. Committee review. Committee members completed a review of Chapter 10, Decrees: Generally, Enforcement and Appeals.
5. Assignments. The committee confirmed the remaining assignments.
6. Next meeting. Members of the committee agreed to meet again in person on Friday, April 25, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. in person

Respectfully submitted,

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Meeting in Person
April 25, 2025

The Domestic Relations Benchbook Committee of the Judicial Conference of Indiana met on Friday, April 25, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. This meeting took place at 251 N. Illinois Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

1. Members present. Chair Gregory Smith, Molly Briles, Marie Kern, Jeryl Leach, Karin McGrath, Lisa Garcia Reger, Cheyenne Shepherd, and Catherine Stafford.
2. Staff present. Kelly Elliott and Joseph Fischer, Staff Attorneys for the Indiana Office of Court Services, provided the committee with staff assistance.
3. Minutes approved. February 28, 2025, minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve was made by Judge Garcia Reger, seconded by Mag. Shepherd. Minutes approved unanimously.
4. Committee review. Committee members reviewed Chapter 10, Decrees: Generally, Enforcement, and Appeals; Chapter 11, Paternity Issues: Dissolution Actions; and Chapter 12, Contempt in Dissolution Actions.
5. Assignments. The committee confirmed the remaining assignments.
6. Next meeting. Members of the committee agreed to meet again in person on Friday, June 27, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. in person

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Meeting in Person
June 27, 2025

The Domestic Relations Benchbook Committee of the Judicial Conference of Indiana met on Friday, June 27, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. This meeting took place at 251 N. Illinois Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

1. Members present. Chair Hon. Gregory Smith, Hon. Thomas Hallett, Hon. Molly Briles, Hon. Jeryl Leach, Hon. Thomas Massey, Hon. Andrew Bloch, Hon. Jason Thompson, Hon. Karen McGrath, Hon. Lisa Swaim, Hon. Philip Sheward, Hon. Chris Kehler
2. Staff present. Kelly Elliott and Joseph Fischer, Staff Attorneys for the Indiana Office of Court Services, provided the committee with staff assistance.
3. Minutes approved. April 2025, minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve was made by Judge Molly Briles, seconded by Judge Thomas Hallett. Minutes approved unanimously.
4. Discussion of Enacted Legislation: Committee reviewed HB 1626. The committee will consider revising previous form orders and including appropriate language in the Benchbook.
4. Committee review. Committee members began reviewing the Juvenile Paternity Benchbook.
6. Next meeting. Members of the committee agreed to meet again in person on Friday, July 25, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. in person

Respectfully submitted,

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