

Domestic Relations Committee
Judicial Conference of Indiana

Minutes
January 17, 2025, via Microsoft Teams

The Domestic Relations Committee convened via Microsoft Teams, on Friday, January 17, 2025, from 10:00 AM through 1:00 PM.

1. **Members Present:** Judicial Officers Andrew Bloch, interim chair, Brent Ecenbarger, Alicia Gooden, Ashley Hand, Mark Harwick, Ana Patricia Osan, Leslie Shively, James Stewart-Brown, Beth Webber, and William Wilson.
2. **Staff present:** Joseph Fischer and Kelly Elliott with Indiana Office of Court Service served as staff attorneys. Jill Russell with the Indiana Office of Court Technology (IOCT) provided tech updates.
3. **Approval of May Committee Minutes:** October 18, 2024, minutes of the committee were approved unanimously. Moved by Mag. Wilson and seconded by Judge Hand.
4. **Tech Update:** Jill Russell provided an update on the parenting time calendar. IOCT continues to work on updating the calendar to incorporate the parenting time guidelines for children 0 – 36 months. They are meeting with the developer weekly to address any errors that are discovered in incorporating this new information. IOCT believes the updated calendar will be ready for production in March or early April of this year.
5. **Child Support Data Review:** Kelly and Joseph provided an overview of the committee's status with the child support data review. A meeting was held with Dr. Jane Venhor to discuss her availability to assist in reviewing Indiana's child support data. It is anticipated that Dr. Venhor and her team would begin the data review in 2026. The committee would review the child support guidelines after the data review and analysis is completed.
6. **Legislation:** The Committee discussed legislation concerning domestic relations.
7. **Next Meeting:** The Committee will meet next on February 21, 2025, at 10:00 A.M. Virtual Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Children and Family Division, IOCS

Kelly Elliott, Staff Attorney
Legal Support and Statistics Division, IOCS

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Minutes
March 21, 2025, via Microsoft Teams

The Domestic Relations Committee convened via Microsoft Teams, on Friday, March 21, 2025, from 10:00 AM through 1:00 PM.

1. **Members Present:** Judicial Officers Thomas Hallett, Chair, Andrew Bloch, Brent Ecenbarger, Alicia Gooden, Ashley Hand, Mark Harwick, Jennifer Kinsley, Ana Patricia Osan, Leslie Shively, James Stewart-Brown, Beth Webber, and William Wilson.
2. **Staff present:** Kelly Elliott and Joseph Fischer with Indiana Office of Court Service served as staff attorneys.
3. **Approval of Committee Minutes:** January 17, 2025, minutes of the committee were approved unanimously. Moved by Mag. Wilson and seconded by Mag. Stewart-Brown.
4. **Legislation:** The Committee discussed HB 1626.
5. **Domestic Relations Forms:** The Committee agreed to assist the Domestic Relations Benchbook Committee with editing and updating various domestic relations forms. The Committee divided the relevant forms amongst the members and created a timeline for their review and completion. The Committee will have at least one meeting in person to finalize edits to the forms.
6. **Review of Order Appointing Guardian ad Litem:** Joseph Fischer explained that the Family Law Task Force created an Order Appointing Guardian ad Litem to align with the GAL Guidelines for Civil Family Law Cases, effective January 1, 2025. The Family Law Task Force requested the Committee review the Order and provide feedback. The Committee reviewed the Order and recommended various changes.
7. **Domestic Relations Issues:** The Committee discussed various issues they see arising within their courts, such as concerns with older children refusing to participate in parenting time and questions related to transportation for mid-week parenting time. The Committee discussed possible topics for the domestic relations conference in November.
8. **Upcoming meetings:** The Committee agreed to cancel the June 20th meeting and hold the October 17th meeting in person.
9. **Future Meeting Schedule:**

- May 16, 2025 @ 10:00 AM via Zoom
- July 18, 2025 @ 10:00 AM via Zoom
- August 15, 2025 @ 10:00 AM via Zoom
- October 17, 2025 @ 10:00 **In Person**

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Elliott, Staff Attorney
Indiana Office of Court Services

Joseph Fischer, Staff Attorney
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Minutes
May 16, 2025, via Zoom

The Domestic Relations Committee convened via Zoom, on Friday, May 16, 2025, from 10:00 AM through 1:00 PM.

1. **Members Present:** Judicial Officers Thomas Hallett, Chair, Andrew Bloch, Brent Ecenbarger, Alicia Gooden, Ashley Hand, Mark Harwick, Jennifer Kinsley, Ana Patricia Osan, Luke Rudisill, Leslie Shively, Beth Webber, and William Wilson.
2. **Staff present:** Kelly Elliott and Joseph Fischer with Indiana Office of Court Service served as staff attorneys. Jill Russell from the Indiana Office of Court Technology attended the meeting.
3. **Approval of Committee Minutes:** March 21, 2025, minutes of the committee were approved unanimously. Moved by Judge Hand and seconded by Judge Bloch.
4. **Parenting Time Calendar Update:** Jill Russell provided an update on the parenting time calendar. IOCT is continuing to test the parenting time calendar for children ages 0 – 18 months. Jill provided examples of various errors that are occurring while testing the calendar. She will discuss concerns and requests raised by the Committee with the developer and report back at the next meeting.
5. **Enacted Legislation:** The Committee discussed H.E.A 1626, P.L. 38-2025.
6. **Indiana Parenting Time Guidelines:** The Committee received a proposed amendment to the Indiana Parenting Time Guidelines as it relates to the “right of first refusal.” The Committee discussed the proposed amendment and concluded that no action will be taken to amend the Guidelines at this time.
7. **Review of Domestic Relations Forms:** The Committee completed its review of Domestic Relations Forms for Chapter 8 and Chapter 12.
8. **Judge Thomas Hallett:** The Committee thanked Judge Hallett for his years of service on the Domestic Relations Committee and for serving as Chair.
9. **Future Meeting Schedule:**
 - July 18, 2025 @ 10:00 AM via Zoom
 - August 15, 2025 @ 10:00 AM via Zoom
 - October 17, 2025 @ 10:00 **In Person**

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Minutes
July 18, 2025, via Zoom

The Domestic Relations Committee convened via Zoom, on Friday, July 18, 2025, from 10:00 AM through 1:00 PM.

1. **Members Present:** Judicial Officers Ashley Hand, *Chair*, Andrew Bloch, Brent Ecenbarger, Alicia Gooden, Stephenie Gookins, Jennifer Kinsley, Ana Patricia Osan, Luke Rudisill, James Stewart-Brown, Emily Waddle, Beth Webber, and William Wilson.
2. **Staff present:** Staff assistance was provided by Kelly Elliott and Joseph Fischer with the Indiana Office of Court Service and Jill Russell with the Indiana Office of Court Technology.
3. **Approval of Committee Minutes:** May 16, 2025, minutes of the Committee were approved unanimously.
4. **Parenting Time Calendar Update:** Jill Russell provided an update on the parenting time calendar. Due to ongoing challenges with implementing the 0-18 months age range, the Indiana Office of Court Technology will pursue a new developer to build updated underlying code for the calendar. The new code will enable the parenting time calendar to support all age ranges and permit it to incorporate features that are currently unavailable under the existing code. The current parenting time calendar listed online will still be available for use.
5. **Enacted Legislation:** The Committee discussed H.E.A 1626, P.L. 38-2025.
6. **Review of Domestic Relations Forms:** The Committee completed its review of Domestic Relations Forms for Chapter 6 and Chapter 4. Judge Hand assigned new Committee members to assist in the review of the remaining chapters.
7. **Future Meeting Schedule:**
 - August 15, 2025 @ 10:00 AM via Zoom
 - October 17, 2025 @ 10:00 **In Person**

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Minutes
August 15, 2025, via Zoom

The Domestic Relations Committee convened via Zoom, on Friday, August 15, 2025, from 10:00 AM through 1:00 PM.

1. **Members Present:** Judicial Officers Ashley Hand, *Chair*, Brent Ecenbarger, Alicia Gooden, Stephenie Gookins, Ana Patricia Osan, Luke Rudisill, Emily Waddle, Beth Webber, and William Wilson.
2. **Staff Present:** Staff assistance was provided by Kelly Elliott and Joseph Fischer with the Indiana Office of Court Service.
3. **Approval of Committee Minutes:** July 18, 2025, minutes of the Committee were approved unanimously.
4. **Review of Domestic Relations Forms:** The Committee completed its review of Domestic Relations forms for Chapters 2, 3, 5, 9, 10, and 11.
5. **October Meeting:** The Committee discussed the in-person October 17 meeting. The meeting is scheduled to take place at the Capital Center from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Kelly discussed various meeting room options. The Committee decided they would like to hold the meeting in the 7th floor conference room.
6. **Schedule 2026 Meetings:** The Committee set the following dates for 2026 meetings:
 - January 16, 2026
 - February 20, 2026
 - March 20, 2026
 - May 15, 2026
 - July 17, 2026
 - August 21, 2026
 - October 16, 2026
7. **Future Meeting Schedule:**
 - October 17, 2025 @ 10:00 **In Person**

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Minutes
October 17, 2025

The Domestic Relations Committee met on Friday, October 17, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at 251 N. Illinois Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

1. **Members Present:** Judicial Officers Ashley Hand, *Chair*, Jennifer Kinsley, and Beth Webber.
2. **Staff present:** Staff assistance was provided by Kelly Elliott with the Indiana Office of Court Service.
3. **Approval of Committee Minutes:** August 15, 2025, minutes of the Committee were approved unanimously.
4. **Indiana Parenting Time Helpline:** The Committee discussed the discontinuation of the Indiana Parenting Time Helpline.
5. **Review of Domestic Relations Forms:** The Committee completed its final review of all Domestic Relations Forms. Kelly will send finalized forms to the Domestic Relations Benchbook Committee.
6. **Future Meeting Schedule:**
 - January 16, 2026
 - February 20, 2026
 - March 20, 2026
 - May 15, 2026
 - July 17, 2026
 - August 21, 2026
 - October 16, 2026