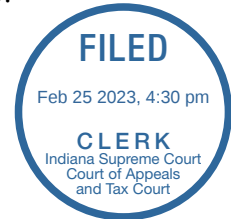


In the
Indiana Supreme Court

In the Matter of the Approval of Local
Rules for Washington County

Supreme Court Case No.
23S-MS-50



Order Approving Amended Local Rules

The Judges of the Washington County Circuit and Superior Courts request the approval of an amended local rule for caseload allocation in accordance with Indiana Administrative Rule 1(E). Attached to this Order is the proposed amended local rule.

Upon examination of the proposed rule amendments requested by the Washington County Circuit and Superior Courts, this Court finds that the proposed rule amendments at LR88-AR01-9 comply with the requirements of Indiana Administrative Rule 1(E), and, accordingly, should be approved.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by this Court that amended Local Rule, LR88-AR01-9, for the Washinton County Circuit and Superior Courts, set forth as an attachment to this Order, is approved effective March 1, 2023.

Done at Indianapolis, Indiana, on 2/25/2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Loretta H. Rush".

Loretta H. Rush
Chief Justice of Indiana

LR88-AR01-9 - CASELOAD ALLOCATION

Pursuant to Administrative Rule 1E, the Clerk of the Washington County Circuit and Superior Courts shall assign cases as follows beginning January 1, 2023:

Superior Court

1. All Pro Se Civil matters
2. Approximately one-half of the Pro Se Dissolutions cases, assigned month to month with Superior starting with the month of January.
3. Criminal Actions INVOLVING:
 - Alcohol, Drugs, Non-Support of Dependents,
 - Fraud, Forgery, Check Deception, Robbery,
 - Burglary, Residential Entry, Conversion, Theft,
 - Receiving Stolen Property, Resisting Law Enforcement,
 - Vehicular Offences
4. Approximately one-half of the Protective Orders cases, assigned month to month with Superior starting in January. Protective Order cases involving parties in any Dissolution or separation case shall go to that Court.
5. Approximately one half of *pro se* Small Claims and Eviction cases, assigned month to month with Superior starting in February
6. Attorneys may designate Court in:
 - a. Civil Matters, including Small Claims
 - b. Dissolutions and Separation Actions
7. All Juvenile Delinquency Matters
8. All Guardianships

Circuit Court

1. All Adoptions
2. All Mental Health Matters
3. All Child in Need of Services Matters
4. All Paternity Actions
5. All Infractions, including vehicular
6. All Petitions for Hardship Driver's License
7. All Estates
8. All Mortgage Foreclosure Matters
9. Criminal Actions NOT designated for filing in Superior Court under this Rule
10. Approximately one-half of the Protective Orders cases, assigned month to month with Circuit starting in February. Protective Order cases involving parties in Dissolution or separation case shall go to that Court
11. Approximately one half of *pro se* Small Claims and Eviction cases, assigned month to month with Circuit starting in January
12. Attorneys may designate Court in:
 - a. Civil Matters, including Small Claims
 - b. Dissolutions and Separation Actions