

Domestic Relations Benchbook Committee

Judicial Conference of Indiana

Meeting
January 26, 2024

The Domestic Relations Benchbook Committee of the Judicial Conference of Indiana met on Friday, January 26, 2024 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Fuse Conference Center.

1. Members present. Andrew R. Bloch, Molly E. Briles, Michael A. Casati, Christopher D. Kehler, Karin A. McGrath, Lisa Garcia Reger, Catherine B. Stafford, Lisa L. Swaim, Jason A. Thompson and Gregory A. Smith, Chair.
2. Staff present. Jeffrey Bercovitz and Joseph Fischer provided the committee with staff assistance.
3. Minutes approved. The October 27, 2023 minutes were approved.
4. Committee review. Committee members reviewed Chapter 6, Custody. They agreed to review Chapter 7, Parenting time, at the February meeting and return to Chapter 6 at the following meeting.
5. Next meeting. Members of the committee agreed to meet again in person on Friday, February 23, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at the Office of Court Services.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Bercovitz, Director
Juvenile and Family Law

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Meeting
February 23, 2024

The Domestic Relations Benchbook Committee of the Judicial Conference of Indiana met on Friday, January 26, 2024 from 11:00 a.m. – 3:15 p.m. at the Fuse Conference Center.

1. Members present. Andrew R. Bloch, Molly E. Briles, Michael A. Casati, Christopher D. Kehler, Marie L. Kern, Jeryl F. Leach, Thomas A. Massey, Jason A. Thompson and Gregory A. Smith, Chair.
2. Staff present. Jeffrey Bercovitz and Joseph Fischer provided the committee with staff assistance.
3. Minutes approved. The January 26, 2024 minutes were approved.
4. Committee review. Committee members completed review of Chapter 7, Parenting Time and agreed to return to Chapter 6 at the following meeting.
5. Next meeting. Members of the committee agreed to meet again in person on Friday, April 26, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at the Office of Court Services.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Fischer, Staff Attorney
Indiana Office of Court Services

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Meeting in Person
April 26, 2024

The Domestic Relations Benchbook Committee of the Judicial Conference of Indiana met on Friday, April 26, 2024 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. This meeting took place at 251 N. Illinois Street, Indianapolis IN 46204.

1. Members present. Molly Briles, Lisa Swaim, Karin McGrath, Lisa Garcia Reger, Cheyenne Shepherd, Catherine Stafford, Jason Thompson, Andrew Boch, Michael Casati, Christopher Kehler- Pro Temp Chair
2. Staff present. Joseph Fischer, Staff Attorney for the Indiana Office of Court Services provided the committee with staff assistance.
3. Minutes approved. The February 23, 2024 minutes were approved.
4. Committee review. Committee members completed review of Chapter 6 benchbook and forms. The next meeting is scheduled for July. The Committee will review chapter 8- Child Support.
5. Assignments. The committee updated assignments by date.
6. Next meeting. Members of the committee agreed to meet again in person on Friday July 26, 2024 from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in person

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Fischer, Staff Attorney
Indiana Office of Court Services

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Meeting in Person
August 23, 2024

The Domestic Relations Benchbook Committee of the Judicial Conference of Indiana met on Friday, August 23, 2024, from 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. This meeting took place at 251 N. Illinois Street, Indianapolis IN 46204.

1. Members present. Andrew Boch, Christopher Kehler, Marie Kern, Michael Kramer, Jeryl Leach, Thomas Massey, Karin McGrath, Cheyenne Sheperd, Catherine Stafford, Lisa Swaim, Jason Thompson, and Gregory Smith, Chair.
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. The April 26, 2024, minutes were unanimously approved. Moved by Judge Stafford, seconded by Judge Kehler.
4. Committee review. Committee members reviewed Chapter 8, Child Support. The Committee members agreed to continue to review Chapter 8 and begin to review Chapter 9 at the next meeting.
5. Assignments. The committee updated assignments by date.
6. Next meeting. Members of the committee agreed to meet again in person on Friday, October 25, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. in person

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Elliott, Staff Attorney
Indiana Office of Court Services

Joseph Fischer, Staff Attorney
Indiana Office of Court Services

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Meeting in Person
October 25, 2024

The Domestic Relations Benchbook Committee of the Judicial Conference of Indiana met on Friday, October 25, 2024, 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, Michael Casti, Christopher Kehler, Michael Kramer, Jeryl Leach, Thomas Massey, Cheyenne Shepherd, Phillip Sheward, Lisa Swaim, and Jason Thompson.
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. August 23, 2024, minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve is made by Judge Massey, seconded by Judge Thompson. Minutes approved unanimously.
4. Vote. The Committee discussed a request to publish the finished chapters and forms. There was a previous informal poll via email, and the committee reiterated its support for making finished chapters available under certain restrictions.
5. Committee review. Committee members completed a review of Chapter 8, Child Support and Chapter 9, Spousal Maintenance.
5. Assignments. The committee confirmed the remaining assignments.
6. Next meeting. Members of the committee agreed to meet again in person on Friday, January 31, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. in person

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Elliott, Staff Attorney
Indiana Office of Court Services

Joseph Fischer, Staff Attorney
Indiana Office of Court Services