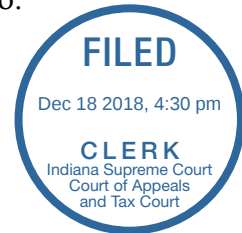


In the Indiana Supreme Court

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

Supreme Court Case No.
18S-MS-609



Order Approving Amended Local Rule

The Judges of the Orange Circuit and Superior Courts request the approval of an amended local rule for court reporter services in accordance with Indiana Administrative Rule 15. Attached to this Order is the proposed amended local rule.

Upon examination of the proposed rule amendment requested by the Orange Circuit and Superior Courts, this Court finds that the proposed rule amendment, LR59-AR15-1 complies with the requirements of Indiana Administrative Rule 15, and, accordingly, should be approved

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by this Court that amended Local Rule LR59-AR15-1 for Orange Circuit and Superior Courts, set forth as an attachment to this Order, is approved effective the date of this Order.

Done at Indianapolis, Indiana, on 12/18/2018.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Loretta H. Rush", written over a horizontal line.

Loretta H. Rush

Chief Justice of Indiana

LR59-AR15-1
COURT REPORTER SERVICES

The Courts of Orange County, Indiana adopt the following local rule for Court Reporter services pursuant to Administrative Rule 15.

- 1 Each Court Reporter shall be paid an annual salary for time spent working under the control, direction and direct supervision of the court during any regular work hours, gap hours, or overtime hours.
- 2 Regular working hours shall be 35 hours per week. Gap hours shall be hours worked in excess of 35 hours per week. Overtime hours shall be hours worked in excess of 40 hours.
- 3 That for any gap or overtime hours worked, the Court and the Court Reporter shall enter into a written agreement whereby compensation for such work shall be as follows:
 - a. Compensatory time off from regular work hours shall be given in an amount equal to the number of gap hours worked.
 - b. Compensatory time off from regular work hours shall be given in the amount of one and one-half (1 1/2) times the number of overtime hours worked.
- 4 The Court Reporter shall be compensated at the rate of \$5.50 per page for any county indigent, state indigent or private ordinary transcripts prepared. The Court Reporter shall submit directly to the county a claim for the preparation of the county indigent transcripts as other county claims are submitted. If the Court Reporter is requested to prepare an expedited transcript, the maximum per page fee shall be \$10.50 where the transcript must be prepared within 24 hours or less and \$7.50 where the transcript must be prepared within 3 working days; provided however that there shall be a minimum fee of \$50.00 for expedited transcripts.
- 5 A minimum fee of Thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) will be charged for ordinary transcripts less than seven (7) pages in length.
- 6 An additional labor charge approximating the hourly rate based upon the court reporter's annual compensation shall be charged for the time spent binding the transcripts and the exhibit binders.
- 7 The court reporter may charge a reasonable charge for the office supplies required and utilized for the binding and electronic transmission of the Transcript, pursuant to Indiana Rules of Appellate Procedure 28 and 29. The costs for these supplies shall be determined pursuant to a Schedule of Transcript Supplies which shall be established and published annually by the judges of Orange County.

8. If a transcript is prepared for the purposes of appeal, the original paper transcript shall be forwarded to the Clerk upon completion. The Court Reporter is also directed to produce two copies of an electronically formatted transcript, one of which shall become an official record of the court proceedings and kept in the court where said proceeding was held, and the other of which shall be submitted to the Clerk along with the original paper transcript.
9. Any transcript prepared for reasons other than appeal shall be delivered to the requesting party.
10. Each Court Reporter who receives income from the preparation of transcripts shall report such amounts, at least annually, to the Indiana Supreme Court Division of State Court Administration on forms prescribed by such Division.
11. This rule is purposefully silent as to the hours during which court reporters may prepare transcripts, as to whether court reporters must reimburse the Court for use of its equipment and work space in preparing transcripts, and as to whether court reporters must furnish their own supplies when preparing transcripts. The Judges of the Orange Circuit and the Orange Superior Courts retain their individual authority to make rules on such matters applicable only to their particular Court.
12. Should any Court Reporter elect to engage in the private business of recording and/or transcribing depositions, they shall do so outside the employee's scheduled working hours, on the employee's time off, or the employee may elect to use compensatory time. Each Court shall be responsible for setting the amount of reimbursement and fees for the use of the Court's equipment and work space. The Court Reporter shall furnish her own supplies for such purposes.