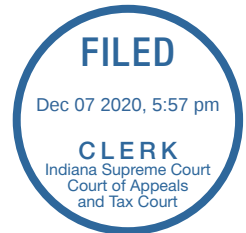


In the Indiana Supreme Court

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

Supreme Court Case No.
20S-MS-294



Order Approving Amended Local Rule

The Judges of the Lake Circuit and Superior Courts request the approval of amended local rule for special judge appointments in accordance with Indiana Trial Rule 79(H). Attached to this Order is the proposed amended local rule.

Upon examination of the proposed rule amendments requested by the Lake Circuit and Superior Courts, this Court finds that the proposed rule amendments at LR45-TR79-15 complies with Trial Rule 79(H), and, accordingly, should be approved.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by this Court that amended Local Rule, LR45-TR79-15, for Lake Circuit and Superior Courts, set forth as an attachment to this Order, are approved effective January 1, 2021.

Done at Indianapolis, Indiana, on 12/7/2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Loretta H. Rush".

Loretta H. Rush
Chief Justice of Indiana

LR 45-TR79-15 Appointment of Special Judge

A. If a motion for change of Judge is granted in a case or an order of disqualification is entered in a case, and a special judge is not appointed and qualified as provided in Trial Rule 79(D), a special judge shall be appointed, on a rotating basis, from the current roster of judicial officers.

B. Each judicial officer shall have the option to be removed from consideration from some or all case types.

C. The current roster of judicial officers shall be maintained in the office of the Lake Superior Court Administrator (Administrator). When it becomes necessary to select a special judge from said lists, the following procedure shall be followed:

1. If a Special Judge is not selected in accordance with Trial Rule 79(D), the judge shall immediately contact the Administrator for the name of the next available judicial officer. The Administrator shall provide a name from the roster of current judicial officers. Selected judicial officers will be selected on a rotating basis.

2. The selected judicial officer appointed to serve under this local rule must accept jurisdiction unless disqualified under circumstances set out in the Rules of Trial Procedure 79(H).

The order of appointment by the regular judge shall constitute acceptance. An oath or additional evidence of acceptance is not required.

D. This rule shall have no application to the selection of a special judge in a Post Conviction Relief petition which shall be governed solely by the Indiana Rules of Criminal Procedure and the Local Rules of the Lake Superior Court, Criminal Division.