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#### Presenters on behalf of the Court

Loretta H. Rush, Chief Justice of Indiana

#### Introduction and Reorganization: [SLIDE 2]

The former offices of State Court Administration and the Indiana Judicial Center have been reorganized to prevent any duplication of effort, streamline processes and be more responsive and efficient to clerks, judges, the legislature, other elected officials, agencies of the Executive Branch, vendors, and citizens.

#### FY 2018 Indiana Court Funding [SLIDE 3]

- General Fund \$34.1M  
The Supreme Court returned \$1.8 million to the General Fund in FY18 based on savings from moving administrative offices
- Other Revenue Sources \$33.9M  
(Including grants and fees)

#### Single new request [SLIDE 4]

	FY2020	FY2021
Civil Legal Aid	\$500,000	\$500,000

\* Submitted budget includes cost of living adjustment, similar to other branch requests.

#### What is Civil Legal Aid [SLIDES 5-7]

##### Background information

- Civil Legal Aid fund created in 1997 with \$1M; increased to \$1.5M in 2007 and has not been increased since.
- For every two cases accepted, one had to be turned away due to lack of resources.
- Additional funding would provide legal assistance to families in crisis.

Civil Legal Aid is basic civil legal assistance to our most vulnerable Hoosiers (victims of domestic/elder abuse, struggling veterans, those with health emergencies, homeowners facing foreclosure, communities devastated by natural disasters).

What will \$500,000 do?

Provide legal assistance to individuals, stabilize families, and enhance our workforce. It is the right thing for Hoosiers and Hoosier businesses.

Return on Investment

Results from an Indiana 2018 economic impact study showed that \$1 invested in civil legal aid delivers \$6.70 in immediate and long-term financial benefits. We strongly believe this is a great investment of taxpayer dollars.

Coalition for Court Access

- We have restructured how we deliver legal help to close the justice gap on this critical need.
- 20 legal stakeholders provide a comprehensive organizational structure for Indiana's civil legal aid programs.
- Utilizes a business model to create efficiency, better services, and better results.
- 7,780 Hoosier attorneys + hundreds of law students donated over a half-million hours of volunteer legal services for those of limited means last year.

Civil Legal Aid provides:

- Easy-to-understand forms
- Legal assistance, include self-help centers
- Legal representation to those with financial difficulties

**Court Technology** [SLIDE 8]

Needed to efficiently manage the 1.3 million cases filed in Indiana courts last year. E-Filing, Odyssey, INcite, Public Defender Information System, mycase.in.gov

**Electronic Filing** [SLIDE 9]

Statewide Implementation

- Commenced in 2015
- December 2018: 85 counties are e-filing

**Indiana's Integrated Case Management System** [SLIDES 10-11]

Indiana's integrated case management system now handles 80% of all of Indiana's caseload.

Odyssey operates from a secure, central database that gives the General Assembly the management information it needs to make data-driven policy decisions.

- At the end of 2019, Odyssey will be used in 305 trial courts in 78 counties, handling 85% of Indiana’s cases in 85% of Indiana’s counties.

## INcite Applications and Services [SLIDE 12]

- INcite applications promote public safety, save money, and save lives every day.
- The financial savings alone are in the tens of millions of dollars each year.
- Applications like the protective order registry and the mental health adjudication registry save lives but cost money to develop and deploy.

Applications promoting public safety include:

- Protection Order Registry (POR)
- Mental Health Report to FBI
- Offender Risk Assessment Application
- Presentence Investigation Report (PSI)
- Criminal Abstract of Judgment
- Case Management Search (CMS)
- Convictions to BMV
- E-Tickets for Traffic Citations
- Guardianship Registry
- Interfaces to Federal, State, & Local Government
- NPLeX (National Precursor Log Exchange)
- Child Abuse Registry

By the numbers

- **National Precursor Log Exchange (NPLeX):**
  - 52,916 unique individuals are on the block list
  - 2,410 of those people have attempted to make a purchase and have been blocked 3,680 times
  - 7,258 grams of pseudoephedrine/ephedrine have been blocked from those attempted transactions
- **Child Abuse Registry:**
  - 12,392 individuals are logged in the registry
- **Adult Guardianship Registry:**
  - 63 counties participate in the registry, and more than \$41M in assets are managed
- **Protection Order Registry**
  - 833,000+ Protection Orders created
- **E-Tickets for Traffic Citations**
  - 227,000+ people paid a traffic ticket online

## **New INcite Application: Supervised Release System** [SLIDE 13]

- Currently deployed to 18 counties covering 27 state agencies
- Designed to supervise criminal offenders released before trial or upon sentence completion.
- Saves money by reducing costs of incarceration.

### Who is using SRS?

- Probation
- Community Corrections
- Problem-Solving Court Programs
- Alcohol & Drug Programs
- Pretrial Services Programs

## **INcite data sharing with local, state, and federal agencies:** [SLIDE 14]

1. Executive Branch  
Department of Correction,  
Department of Education, State  
Department of Health,  
Department of Revenue, Indiana  
State Police, Bureau of Motor  
Vehicles, Department of Child  
Services
2. Federal Bureau of Investigations  
(FBI)
3. Local, State, and Federal Law  
Enforcement Agencies
4. Legislative Branch
5. Auditor of State
6. Prosecutors and Public Defenders

## **Public Defender Information System** [SLIDE 15]

The Legislature requested this - we listened. The Public Defender Information System is fully deployed in 24 counties.

- Developed through partnership with Indiana Public Defender Council
  - Works with Odyssey CMS
  - Certified EFSP for E-Filing
- Fully deployed in 24 counties

## **Increased access to Court Records (mycase.in.gov)** [SLIDE 16]

mycase.in.gov – 2018 statistics

- 6.2 million users visited mycase.in.gov about 20 million times in 2018
  - More than 60,000 visits per day on laptops and phones

## Court Access Programs: [SLIDE 17]

1. Problem Solving Courts
2. Commercial Courts & Complex Court Motion Pilot Project
3. GAL/CASA (Guardian ad Litem & Court Appointed Special Advocate)
4. Adult Guardianship Registry & VASIA

### 1. Problem Solving Courts [SLIDE 18]

Tailored dockets and programs to meet the challenges of Hoosiers in crisis.

Currently there are 94 certified Problem-Solving Courts in 43 counties. By 2019, there will be 112 certified problem-solving courts in 53 counties.

### Veterans Courts [SLIDE 19]

Currently there are 26 Veterans Courts, with another two courts coming on over the next two years. Since 2016, there has been a 47% increase in Veterans Courts.

### Family Recovery Courts [SLIDE 20]

Currently there are 7 certified Family Recovery Courts active in 7 counties, with another 11 courts set to be certified and active by December 2019.

### 2. Commercial Courts [SLIDE 21]

- 394 cases filed since June 2016
- Faster and less expensive resolution of complex business cases
  - Average Motion to Dismiss: **26 days**
  - Average temporary restraining order/Preliminary Injunction: **15 days**
  - Average Summary Judgment: **24 days**

### 3. Children served by GAL/CASA [SLIDE 22]

2017 data shows a five-year high number of children served: 30,168.

### 4. Adult Guardianship Registry [SLIDE 23]

Currently 64 counties participating in the Adult Guardianship Registry.

### Volunteer Advocates for Senior and Incapacitated Adults (VASIA)

[SLIDE 24]

Currently 18 VASIA programs serve 42 counties with an additional 7-10 counties in the pipeline for 2019.

## Court Initiatives [SLIDE 25]

- Opioid Summit
- Pretrial Release
- SRS Text Messaging
- Commission on Improving the Status of Children
- Judicial Branch Education
- Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative
- Evidence-Based Decision Making
- Conference for Legal Education Opportunity
- Court Interpreter Program
- Child Welfare
- And more...

## Conclusion [SLIDES 26-27]

The third branch of government in Indiana operates on **less than 1%** of the entire state budget.

*Thank you for your attention and consideration of our budget proposals. We look forward to our continued work together through these important matters to the courts and to the State.*

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Louise R. Rush". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, flowing initial "L".