

**JUDICIAL CONFERENCE OF INDIANA
DISTRICT 14 GOVERNANCE PLAN
(Grant and Madison Counties)**

1. Special Judge Plans: Our District has reviewed the TR 79 plans in each county and has determined each plan is current and allows for the efficient operation of special judge assignments in the District. Our District will use judges within the District or, as allowed by TR 79(H), drawn from counties that are contiguous to the county seeking a special judge.
2. Criminal Rule 2.2: Our District has reviewed the current Criminal Rule 2.2 Plans for the counties in our District. We have determined that the counties in our District currently follow the provisions of Criminal Rules 2.2, 12 and 13.
3. Leadership: From among the alternatives suggested to comply with AR 3(B), our District reviewed the suggested choices: (1) administrative judge/committee or (2) other specified organization established by the District. We have chosen the administrative judge model. The administrative judge shall be the representative to the Board of Directors.
4. Selection Process for Leadership: The term for the administrative judge shall be two years. The administrative judge shall be selected from each different county in alternating terms, i.e., Grant County in one term and Madison County in the next term. The administrative judge will conduct the selection process. Nominees can self-nominate or be nominated by another judge. The selection will be conducted by majority vote of all full-time judges in the District. The current administrative judge will forward the results and required documents to IJC. The District elects to establish no limitation on the number of non-consecutive terms a judge may serve, but no judge may serve two (2) consecutive terms. Judge Thomas Newman, Jr. will serve as the administrative judge for the September 2014 to September 2016 term. He will be the District representative to the Board and has the authority to vote all the votes allocated to the District.
5. Number of Meetings: The District will hold a minimum of one meeting per year and it will be organized by the administrative judge. A majority of the judges in the District will constitute a quorum to conduct business. Proxy votes at the District meeting can be cast as long as the administrative judge receives a written notice by facsimile or email prior to the start of the meeting designating the judge's proxy or the proxy provides an executed proxy instrument prior to or at the commencement of the meeting. Meetings will be conducted in person or electronically, or via conference call as determined by the needs of the District.
6. District Activities:
 - a. Our District is cooperating in TR 79 and CR 2.2 Plans.

- b. Our District will investigate sharing of judicial resources when more resources become available.
7. Local Rules: Currently we do not have any District rules.
 8. Compliance: Our District Plan complies with the minimum requirements for District governance contemplated by AR 3(B). A majority of the judges in the District agreed to this Plan on July 31, 2014. It will remain in effect until further notice.