

**GOVERNANCE PLAN FOR DISTRICT 6 COMPRISED
OF THE CIRCUIT AND SUPERIOR COURTS IN
DEKALB, LAGRANGE, NOBLE, STEUBEN AND WHITLEY COUNTIES**

1. Special Judge Plans: Our District has reviewed the TR 79 plans in each county and have 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 follows 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 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 current Board representative will solicit nominees from among the trial judges to be the initial administrative judge. Thereafter, the administrative judge will conduct future selection processes. Nominees can self-nominate or be nominated by another judge. The selection will be conducted as follows: By a majority vote of the judges voting at the annual District Meeting. The current administrative judge will forward the results and required documents to IJC. The District will establish term limits for the administrative judge of 2 terms. We have selected Judge James R. Heuer as the Board Representative/Administrative Judge. 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: This District will hold 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 on TR79 and CR 2.2 Plans.
- b) Our District shall continue to utilize Northeastern Indiana CASA, Inc. for the training and selection of CASA volunteers.
- c) 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). The judges in the District unanimously agreed to this plan on October 18, 2012. It will remain in effect until further notice.

Respectfully submitted,

James R. Heuer
Judge of the Whitley Circuit Court