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Criminal Cases

Criminal case assignment will operate as specified in LR32-AR1 Rule 2.

Juvenile Cases

- A. All JCs, JDs, JSs, JMs, JTs, and JQs shall be filed in Hendricks Superior Court No. 3.
- B. All JPs shall be filed in Hendricks Superior Court No. 1, Hendricks Superior Court No. 2, Hendricks Superior Court No. 3, and Hendricks Superior Court No. 4 on an even and random basis.
- C. JPs involving children who are the subject of a pending JC or JT shall be filed in Hendricks Superior Court No. 3 regardless of that Court's case type limit.
- D. In the event the judge of Hendricks Superior Court No. 3 enters an order of disqualification or recusal on a pending JC, JD, JS, JM, JT, or JQ, that case shall be transferred to another local judge.

Remaining Civil Cases

- A. Civil Plenary. PLs shall be filed in Hendricks Superior Court No. 1 and Hendricks Superior Court No. 4 subject to the case type limits set forth in Appendix A.
- B. Civil Tort. CTs shall be filed in Hendricks Circuit Court and Hendricks Superior Court No. 1 subject to the case type limits set forth in Appendix A.
- C. Civil Collection. CCs shall be filed in Hendricks Circuit Court, Hendricks Superior Court No. 4, and Hendricks Superior Court No. 5 subject to the case type limits set forth in Appendix A.
- D. Domestic Relations
 - 1. Except as set forth below, Domestic Relations With Children (DCs) shall be filed in Hendricks Circuit Court, Hendricks Superior Court No. 1, Hendricks Superior Court No. 2, Hendricks Superior Court No. 3, and Hendricks Superior Court No. 4, subject to the case type limits set forth in Appendix A.
 - 2. Except as set forth below, Domestic Relations No Children (DNs) shall be filed in Hendricks Circuit Court, Hendricks Superior Court No. 1, Hendricks Superior Court

- No. 2, and Hendricks Superior Court No. 4, subject to the case type limits set forth in Appendix A.
3. DCs involving children who are the subject of a pending JC or JT shall be filed in Hendricks Superior Court No. 3 regardless of that court's case type limit.
 4. When all courts have reached their limit for DCs, a party may choose to file a DC in Hendricks Circuit Court, Hendricks Superior Court No. 1, Hendricks Superior Court No. 2, Hendricks Superior Court No. 3, or Hendricks Superior Court No. 4.
 5. When all courts have reached their limit for DNs, a party may choose to file a DN in Hendricks Circuit Court, Hendricks Superior Court No. 1, Hendricks Superior Court No. 2, or Hendricks Superior Court No. 4.
- E. Grandparent Visitation
1. Except as set forth below, all GVs shall be filed in Hendricks Superior Court No. 1.
 2. Any petition for grandparent visitation with a child already subject to a parenting time order issued by a court of record in this county shall be filed in the same court that issued the parenting time order.
- F. Miscellaneous. MIs shall be filed in Hendricks Superior Court No. 1 and Hendricks Superior Court No. 5, subject to the case type limits set forth in Appendix A. However, the only MIs to be filed in Hendricks Superior Court No. 5 shall be (1) those MIs filed under IC 9-30-16-4 and (2) all cases filed as an MI for replacement of a lost vehicle title.
- G. Mortgage Foreclosure. All MFs shall be filed in Hendricks Superior Court No. 2.
- H. Order of Protection
1. POs shall be filed in Hendricks Superior Court No. 1, Hendricks Superior Court No. 2, Hendricks Superior Court No. 3, and Hendricks Superior Court No. 5, subject to the case type limits set forth in Appendix A.
 2. If a petitioner seeks an order of protection against an unemancipated minor pursuant to IC 34-26-5-2, the case shall be filed in Hendricks Superior Court No. 3.
- I. Probate
1. Except as set forth below, all ADs, ESs, EUs, EMs, GMs, GUs, and TRs be filed in Hendricks Superior Court No. 2.
 2. ADs of a minor child who is the subject of a pending JC or JT shall be filed in Hendricks Superior Court No. 3.
 3. GUs and GMs of a minor child who is the subject of a pending JC or JT shall be filed in Hendricks Superior Court No. 3.

- J. Small Claim. SCs shall be filed in Hendricks Superior Court No. 1, Hendricks Superior Court No. 3, Hendricks Superior Court No. 4, and Hendricks Superior Court No. 5 on an even and random basis.
- K. Eviction. All EVs shall be filed in Hendricks Superior Court No. 1, Hendricks Superior Court No. 3, Hendricks Superior Court No. 4, and Hendricks Superior Court No. 5 on an even and random basis.
- L. Reciprocal Support
 - 1. All RSs shall be filed in Hendricks Superior Court No. 3.
 - 2. In the event the judge of Hendricks Superior Court No. 3 enters an order of disqualification or recusal on a pending RS, that case shall be transferred to another local judge.
- M. Tax Deed/Tax Sale. All Verified Petitions for Issuance of a Tax Deed (TPs) and Applications of Judgment in a Tax Sale (TSs) shall be filed in Hendricks Circuit Court.
- N. Mental Health. All MHs shall be filed in Hendricks Superior Court No. 2.
- O. Expungement. Expungements shall be filed in Hendricks Circuit Court, Hendricks Superior Court No. 2, Hendricks Superior Court No. 4, and Hendricks Superior Court No. 5 on an even and random basis.
- P. Red Flag. RFs shall be filed in Hendricks Circuit Court, Hendricks Superior Court No. 2, Hendricks Superior Court No. 4, and Hendricks Superior Court No. 5 on an even and random basis.
- Q. Commercial Court Eligible. All CEs eligible for transfer to the Commercial Court Docket shall be filed in Hendricks Circuit Court.
- R. Judicial Review of Administrative Agency Decisions. All RAs shall be filed in Hendricks Circuit Court.
- S. In the event a party in a civil case does not request to file in a particular court, the case shall be assigned on a random basis to a court that hears that case type, subject to the case type limits set forth in Appendix A.

Reassignment

- A. When a court has reached its limit for a case type, no additional cases of that type shall be filed in that court until all other courts have reached their limit for that case type as set forth in Appendix A.
- B. When a court has reached its limit for a case type, the Clerk shall notify all courts of this fact and post notice to this effect in the Clerk's Office.
- C. Except where these rules provide otherwise, when all courts have reached their limit for a case type, any additional cases of that type shall be assigned on a rotating basis among the courts that hear that case type.
- D. This rule does not limit the authority of the judges and magistrates of the courts of record in the county to preside over hearings or issue orders for one another to promote efficiency and provide for timely resolution of cases.
- E. Cases transferred from one court to another shall not be included in the receiving court's limit for that case type as set forth in Appendix A.

Evaluation of Caseload

The judges of the Hendricks County Courts shall develop and implement a caseload allocation plan for the county that ensures an even distribution of judicial caseloads among the judges. Changes necessary to ensure this even distribution shall be developed and implemented consistent with Indiana Administrative Rule 1.

(Amended effective 1/1/26)

Appendix A to LR32-AR1 Rule 1 Plan for Allocation of Judicial Resources

	C01	D01	D02	D03	D04	D05
CC	$\frac{1}{3}$ (1,268)				$\frac{1}{3}$ (1,267)	$\frac{1}{3}$ (1,267)
CE	All					
CT	78	154				
DC	63	117	31	63	63	
DN	85	110	131	0	55	
EV		$\frac{1}{4}$ (350)		$\frac{1}{4}$ (350)	$\frac{1}{4}$ (350)	$\frac{1}{4}$ (350)
GV		All				
JC/JD/JS/JM/JT/JQ				All		
JP		$\frac{1}{4}$ (49)	$\frac{1}{4}$ (49)	$\frac{1}{4}$ (48)	$\frac{1}{4}$ (48)	
MF			All			
MH/AD/ES/EU/EM/GM/GU/TR			All			
MI		245				119
PL		92			91	
PO		$\frac{1}{6}$ (102)	$\frac{1}{3}$ (205)	$\frac{1}{3}$ (205)		$\frac{1}{6}$ (103)
RA	All					
RS				All		
SC		$\frac{1}{4}$ (291)		$\frac{1}{4}$ (291)	$\frac{1}{4}$ (291)	$\frac{1}{4}$ (291)
TP/TS	All					

(Amended effective 1/1/26)

LR32-AR1 Rule 2

Assignment of Criminal Cases

Definitions

- A. "Week" shall mean 12:01 a.m. Friday until 12:00 a.m. the following Friday.
- B. "Pending criminal case" means a criminal case in which there is either no disposition of the charge(s) via a determination of guilt or dismissal or the defendant has not yet been discharged from the sentence imposed, including probation.

Criminal Case Assignment

A. General Rule

1. Except as set forth below, all criminal case types shall be assigned according to the weekly rotation below by the date on which the offense alleged in the charging document (including grand jury indictments) occurred:

	MR-F5	F6
Week 1	Hendricks Circuit Court	Hendricks Circuit Court
Week 2	Hendricks Superior Court No. 4	Hendricks Superior Court No. 2
Week 3	Hendricks Superior Court No. 5	Hendricks Superior Court No. 5
Week 4	Hendricks Superior Court No. 4	Hendricks Superior Court No. 3

	CM
Week 1	Hendricks Circuit Court
Week 2	Hendricks Superior Court No. 2
Week 3	Hendricks Superior Court No. 5
Week 4	Hendricks Superior Court No. 3
Week 5	Hendricks Superior Court No. 1

2. In the event of multiple offenses, the date on which the earliest offense alleged in the charging document occurred shall govern the assignment. Filing of multiple offenses shall comply with Indiana Administrative Rule 1(B)
3. In the event a charging document does not set forth a date on which the alleged offense occurred, the case shall be assigned to a court of record in the county on a random basis.
4. All criminal case types shall be assigned to Hendricks Superior Court No. 5 on January 1, 2026. The week beginning 12:01 a.m. on Friday, January 2, 2026 shall be deemed Week 1.

- B. Domestic Violence Cases. All cases filed under IC 35-42-2-1.3 or IC 35-46-1-15.1 shall be assigned to Hendricks Superior Court No. 5.
- C. Escape or Failure to Return to Lawful Detention Cases. All cases filed under IC 35-44.1-3-4 shall be assigned to the court that issued the order that the defendant allegedly violated by committing escape.
- D. Post-Conviction Relief Petitions
1. All PCs shall be assigned to the same court where the defendant was tried or pled guilty.
 2. In the event the defendant was tried or pled guilty in another county, the PC shall be assigned according to the weekly rotation as defined in this rule.
- E. Miscellaneous Criminal Cases
1. Except as set forth below, all MCs shall be assigned according to the weekly rotation below:

	MC
Week 1	Hendricks Circuit Court
Week 2	Hendricks Superior Court No. 2
Week 3	Hendricks Superior Court No. 5
Week 4	Hendricks Superior Court No. 3
Week 5	Hendricks Superior Court No. 1
Week 6	Hendricks Superior Court No. 4

2. When a defendant has a pending criminal case in the Hendricks Circuit or Superior Courts, the Hendricks County Prosecuting Attorney shall file all search warrant requests as MCs in the court presiding over the criminal case.
 3. In the event the prosecutor declines to file charges against an individual who has been arrested – whether released on bond from the Hendricks County Jail or not – the prosecutor shall file a notice of declination of criminal charges. This notice shall be assigned an MC case type.
- F. Red Flag. RFs shall be filed in Hendricks Circuit Court, Hendricks Superior Court No. 2, Hendricks Superior Court No. 4, and Hendricks Superior Court No. 5 on an even and random basis.

G. Infractions and Ordinance Violations

1. Unless filed as additional charges in a felony or misdemeanor proceeding (in which case the infractions shall be resolved in conjunction with the felony or misdemeanor proceeding):
 - a. All IFs issued by the Danville Police Department shall be assigned to Hendricks Superior Court No. 5.
 - b. All IFs issued by the Avon Police Department shall be assigned to Brownsburg Town Court.
 - c. All other IFs shall be assigned to the appropriate Town Court.
2. All OV's issued by the Towns of Amo or Danville shall be assigned to Hendricks Superior Court No. 5.
3. All OV's issued by the Town of Avon shall be assigned to Brownsburg Town Court.
4. All other OV's shall be assigned to the appropriate Town Court.

H. Town Courts

1. Brownsburg Town Court
 - a. All CMs that occur within the limits of the town of Brownsburg shall be assigned to Brownsburg Town Court except cases filed under:
 - i. IC 9-30-5-1,
 - ii. IC 9-30-5-2,
 - iii. IC 35-42-2-1.3, or
 - iv. IC 35-46-1-15.1.
2. Plainfield Town Court
 - a. All CMs that occur within the limits of the town of Plainfield shall be assigned to Plainfield Town Court except cases filed under:
 - i. IC 9-30-5-1,
 - ii. IC 9-30-5-2,
 - iii. IC 35-42-2-1.3, or
 - iv. IC 35-46-1-15.1.

Re-Filings and Subsequent Filings

- A. Subsequent to Dismissals. In the event the State of Indiana dismisses a case or charge, any subsequent re-filing of that case or charge against the defendant shall be assigned to the court from which the dismissal was taken.
- B. Filing of Additional Charges. When additional charges are filed against a defendant subsequent to the assignment of the case, all such additional charges to be resolved in conjunction with the pending criminal case shall be assigned to the court of initial assignment.
- C. New Causes of Action
 - 1. When a new cause of action is filed against a defendant in a court of record in the county who is on probation or is a defendant in an existing felony or misdemeanor proceeding in another court of record in the county, the judges shall confer to determine into which court to consolidate all proceedings.
 - 2. If the judges cannot agree upon which court to consolidate all proceedings, all proceedings shall remain separate.

Waiver of Juvenile Jurisdiction

- A. All cases involving an individual who was at least 16 years of age at the time of the alleged violation and who is charged with one of several felony offenses listed under IC 31-30-1-4 (direct files) shall be assigned to Hendricks Superior Court No. 5.
- B. In the event the juvenile court waives jurisdiction under IC 31-30-3-2 to -6, the adult criminal case shall be assigned to Hendricks Superior Court No. 5.

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LR32-AR21 Rule 1 Criminal Case Reassignment and Special Judges

Reassignment

- A. In the event a change of judge is granted or it becomes necessary to assign another judge in any felony or misdemeanor proceeding, the case shall be returned to the Clerk for random assignment to another court of record that hears that case type.
- B. A judge, by appropriate order entered in the record of judgments and orders, may transfer and reassign any pending criminal case to any other court of record in the county, subject to acceptance by the receiving court.

- C. This rule does not limit the authority of the judges and magistrates of the courts of record in the county to preside over hearings or issue orders for one another to promote efficiency and provide for timely resolution of cases.

Appointment of Special Judge

- A. In the event a local judge is unavailable to accept reassignment of a case pursuant to this local rule, the case shall be returned to the Clerk for random reassignment from a list of full-time judicial officers from contiguous counties and counties within Administrative District 16 and senior judges.
- B. In the event no judge under this rule is available for appointment or the judge presiding in a felony or misdemeanor case concludes that the unique circumstances presented in such proceeding require appointment by the Indiana Supreme Court of a special judge, the presiding judge may request the Indiana Supreme Court for such appointment.

(Effective 1/1/26)

LR32-AR15 Rule 3 Court Reporter Services

A. Definitions

- 1. The definitions set forth in Indiana Administrative Rule 15(B) apply to this local rule.
- 2. In addition, for purposes of this rule, an "expedited transcript" means
 - a. a transcript to be delivered within five (5) business days if the transcript is twenty (20) pages or less or
 - b. a transcript to be delivered within fifteen (15) business days if the transcript is more than twenty (20) pages.

B. Salaries and Per Page Fees

- 1. Court reporters shall be paid for time spent working under the control, direction, and direct supervision of their supervising court during any regular hours, gap hours, or overtime hours. The supervising court shall enter into a written agreement with the court reporter which outlines the manner in which the court reporter is to be compensated for gap and overtime hours worked, i.e., monetary compensation or compensatory time off regular hours. Nothing in this rule prevents the supervising court from requiring its court reporters to prepare county indigent transcripts or state indigent transcripts during regular hours in lieu of charging a transcript fee and/or per page fee. Nothing in this rule prevents the court from

contracting with private entities to provide court reporting services.

2. The maximum per page fee a court reporter may charge for the preparation of a county indigent transcript shall be \$5.25. The court reporter shall submit a claim directly to the county for the preparation of any county indigent transcripts.
3. The maximum per page fee a court reporter may charge for the preparation of a state indigent transcript shall be \$5.25.
4. The maximum per page fee a court reporter may charge for the preparation of a private transcript shall be \$5.25.
5. Court reporters may charge up to an additional \$1.00/page for expedited transcripts.
6. A minimum transcript fee of \$40.00 may be charged for any transcript.
7. Each court reporter shall report, at least on an annual basis, all transcript fees received for the preparation of county indigent, state indigent, or private transcripts to the Indiana Supreme Court Office of Judicial Administration (OJA). The reporting shall be made on forms prescribed by the OJA.
8. Court reporters may charge an additional hourly labor charge for time spent binding the transcripts and copying the exhibits and binding the exhibits. This labor charge shall be equivalent to the court reporter's hourly compensation rate.
9. Court reporters may charge as follows for supplies purchased with personal funds:
 - a. Paper \$0.05/sheet
 - b. Binders \$1.00/binder
 - c. Computer disk \$0.40/disk
 - d. Diskette pocket \$0.70/pocket
 - e. Diskette case \$1.20/case

C. Appellate Transcripts

Court reporters may charge up to an additional \$1.00/page for transcripts prepared in accordance with the Indiana Rules of Appellate Procedure.

D. Private Practice

1. If a court reporter elects to engage in private practice through the recording of a deposition and/or preparing of a deposition transcript, and the court reporter desires to utilize the court's equipment, work space, and/or supplies; and the court agrees to the use of the court's equipment for such purpose, the court and the court reporter shall enter into a written agreement which must, at a minimum, designate the following:
 - a. the reasonable market rate for the use of equipment, workspace, and supplies;
 - b. the method by which records are to be kept for the use of equipment,

- workspace, and supplies; and
 - c. the method by which the court reporter is to reimburse the court for the use of the equipment, workspace, and supplies.
- 2. If a court reporter elects to engage in private practice through the recording of a deposition and/or preparing of a deposition transcript, all such private practice work shall be conducted outside of regular working hours.

(Amended effective 4/1/20)

LR32-AR00 Rule 4 Proposed Orders

- A. Each motion, petition or other request for relief shall be accompanied by a proposed order. Proposed orders must be set forth on a separate page from the motion and must be filed as a separate document.
- B. Attorneys or unrepresented litigants shall select the Filing Code "Proposed Order Filed" for all proposed orders filed electronically using the Indiana E-Filing System.
- C. All proposed orders shall contain a complete distribution list of all attorneys, self-represented litigants, and CASAs/GALs with full addresses, including email addresses.
- D. Stamped envelopes appropriately addressed for each self-represented litigant and entity on the distribution list shall be provided for all proposed orders filed in MFs and XPs only.

(Amended effective 8/18/17)

LR32-AR00 Rule 5 Evidence Handling, Retention, and Disposition

- A. In all cases, the court shall proceed pursuant to these Rules unless the court directs a longer retention period after motion by any party or on its own motion.
- B. Civil Cases, Including Adoption, Paternity, and Juvenile Proceedings
 - 1. All models, diagrams, documents, or material admitted in evidence or pertaining to the case placed in the custody of the court reporter as exhibits shall be taken away by the parties offering them in evidence, except as otherwise ordered by the court, four (4) months after the case is decided unless an appeal is taken.

2. If an appeal is taken, all such exhibits shall be retained by the court reporter for sixty (60) days from termination of the appeal, retrial, or subsequent appeal and termination, whichever is later.
3. The court reporter shall retain the mechanical or electronic records or tapes, shorthand or stenographic notes as provided in Administrative Rule 7.

C. Criminal Cases

1. All models, diagrams, documents, or material admitted in evidence or pertaining to the case placed in the custody of the court reporter as exhibits shall be taken away by the parties offering them in evidence except as otherwise ordered by the court, four (4) months after the case is dismissed, the defendant found not guilty, or the defendant is sentenced, unless an appeal is taken.
2. If an appeal is taken, all such exhibits shall be retained by the court reporter for sixty (60) days from termination of the appeal, retrial, or subsequent appeal and termination, whichever is later, unless an action challenging the conviction or sentence, or post-conviction action, is pending.
3. The court reporter shall retain the mechanical or electronic records or tapes, shorthand or stenographic notes as provided in Administrative Rule 7.

D. Non-documentary and Oversized Exhibits

1. Non-documentary and oversized exhibits shall not be sent to the appellate level court but shall remain in the custody of the trial court or administrative agency during the appeal.
2. Under no circumstances should drugs, currency, or other dangerous or valuable items be included in appellate records.

E. Biologically Contaminated Evidence

A party who offers biologically contaminated evidence must file a pretrial notice with the trial court and serve all the parties so that the court can consider the issue and rule appropriately before trial. A party can show contaminated evidence or pass photographs of it to jurors, but no such evidence, however contained, shall be handled or passed to jurors or sent to a jury room.

F. Notification and Disposition

1. The court may, without notice to attorneys of record and parties if unrepresented by counsel, destroy evidence not retrieved after the period during which the court reporter is required to retain the evidence has lapsed.
2. Nothing in this rule prevents the court reporter from immediately disposing of any documentary exhibits after they have been electronically imaged.

(Amended effective 8/18/17)

LR32-AR00 Rule 6

Hendricks County Courts Alcohol & Drug Services Program Fee

- A. The Hendricks County Courts have established a court-operated Alcohol and Drug Services Program pursuant to IC 12-23-14, administered by the Hendricks County Probation Department.
- B. In any criminal case where substance is alleged to have been a contributing factor, the person convicted shall be ordered to pay a substance abuse fee of two hundred dollars (\$200.00).
- C. The substance abuse fee may be waived if the person is actively involved in a substance abuse treatment program at the time of sentencing or successfully completed a substance abuse treatment program as a result of the charge for which the person is currently being sentenced.

(Amended effective 9/1/25)

LR32-AR00 Rule 7

Hendricks County Superior Court No. 4's Drug Court Fees

- A. Hendricks County Superior Court No. 4 has established a drug court pursuant to IC 33-23-16 and the Problem-Solving Court Rules.
- B. Participants admitted to the Hendricks County Superior Court No. 4 Drug Court shall be assessed a problem-solving court administration fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for initial problem-solving court services upon admission into the program.
- C. Participants admitted to the Hendricks County Superior Court No. 4 Drug Court shall be assessed a monthly user fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) beginning with the

second month of participation and for each month thereafter for the duration of their participation in the program.

- D. Participants admitted to Hendricks County Superior Court No. 4 Drug Court shall be responsible for all chemical testing fees. Participants shall be assessed eight dollars (\$8.00) per urine drug screen at the time of testing. Participants shall also be responsible for the costs of any confirmatory tests.
- E. Participants may be assessed a fee for services received as a result of referrals made by the Court, including mental health services, health services, and monitoring services. Fees for those services are payable to the entity providing the service.

(Amended effective 1/1/16)

LR32-AR00 Rule 8 Hendricks County Probation Department's
Behavioral Change Class Fee

- A. The Hendricks County Courts have established behavioral change classes pursuant to IC 35-38-2-2.3(4), administered by the Hendricks County Probation Department.
- B. In criminal cases where the offender is ordered to attend a behavioral change class or is required to attend a behavioral change class as part of a diversion program offered by the Hendricks County Prosecuting Attorney, the person shall be ordered to pay a behavioral change class fee of fifty dollars (\$50).
- C. The behavioral change class fee may be waived by the Judge at any time.
- D. The behavioral change class fee shall be deposited into the Adult Probation User Fee Fund.

(Amended effective 4/1/20)

LR32-AR00 Rule 9

Summoning Jurors

A two-tier notice for summoning jurors will be used. The jury qualification form and notice shall be the first tier and summoning the prospective jurors at least three (3) weeks before service shall be the second tier.

(Amended effective 9/1/23)

LR32-AR00 Rule 10

Court Security

- A. Anyone entering the locations listed below (collectively "the courtroom facilities") must consent to a search of their person, including any package, briefcase, or purse:
 - 1. the Hendricks County Courthouse; or
 - 2. the Hendricks County Probation Department.
- B. Unless exempt under Paragraph E below, anyone entering a courtroom facility is prohibited from having any of the following in his or her possession while in the courtroom facility:
 - 1. a loaded or unloaded firearm;
 - 2. a weapon, device, taser (as defined in I.C. § 35-47-8-3) or electronic stun weapon (as defined by I.C. § 35-47-8-1), equipment, chemical substance or other material, including a knife, razor, box-cutter, and switchblade that in the manner it is used, or could ordinarily be used, is readily capable of causing serious bodily injury; and
 - 3. Any of the other prohibited items listed on signage posted at the west entrance of the courthouse.
- C. Anyone refusing to comply with this local rule is to be denied entrance to the courtroom facilities.
- D. Anyone violating this local rule may be found to be in contempt of court and punished for that contempt pursuant to the inherent power of the Courts and/or pursuant to I.C. § 34-47.
- E. The following individuals are exempt from this order:
 - 1. a law enforcement officer, as defined in I.C. § 35-31.5-2-185;
 - 2. a judicial officer, as defined in I.C. § 35-31.5-2-177.7;
 - 3. a probation officer appointed pursuant to I.C. § 11-13-1-1, who has satisfied all the conditions listed in I.C. § 11-13-1-3.5; and
 - 4. an employee of a locally or regionally operated Community Corrections Program, who is authorized to carry a firearm by his or her supervisor.

- F. Any person listed in Paragraph E shall not be exempt when they or any member of their family is a party to any proceeding taking place. This does not include appearing in the individual's official capacity.
- G. The statutes cited above may change from time to time. This local court rule shall automatically refer to the relevant statutes in effect at any given time.

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Judicial Administrative District Special Judge Rule

Disqualification or Recusal of Judge

Upon disqualification or recusal of a judge under Trial Rule 79, an eligible special judge shall be appointed in all civil and juvenile proceedings on a rotating basis from the full-time judicial officers within Administrative District 16 (Hendricks and Morgan Counties).

Hendricks County

LR32-TR79 Rule 1 Disqualification or Recusal of Judge

Upon disqualification or recusal of a judge under Trial Rule 79, an eligible special judge shall be appointed in all civil and juvenile proceedings on a rotating basis from the full-time judicial officers within Administrative District 16 (Hendricks and Morgan Counties).

Procedure for Appointment

Upon disqualification or recusal of a judge under Trial Rule 79(C) or in the event the parties do not agree to an eligible special judge or the agreed upon judge does not accept the case under Trial Rule 79(D), an eligible special judge shall be appointed in all civil and juvenile proceedings for Administrative District 16 as follows:

- A. Priority Given to Local Appointments. Special judge appointments shall be made within the local county on a rotating basis, so long as a judge within that county remains eligible to serve as special judge. Upon issuance of the order of appointment, the special judge may request that the case be transferred to his or her court.
- B. Secondary to Outside County Appointments. If no judge within the local county is eligible to serve as special judge, a special judge shall be appointed on a rotating basis from the full-time judicial officers (judges and magistrates) of the other county within Administrative District 16 who are eligible to serve as special judge.
- C. No Eligible Special Judge. If no full-time judicial officer within Administrative District 16 is eligible to serve as special judge or the circumstance of a case warrants selection of a special judge by the Indiana Supreme Court, the judicial officer of the court in which the case is pending shall certify the matter to the Indiana Supreme Court for appointment of a special judge.

Acceptance Mandatory

- A. A judicial officer appointed to serve as special judge under this rule must accept jurisdiction in the case unless the appointed special judge is disqualified pursuant to the Code of Judicial Conduct, ineligible for service under this rule, or excused from service by the Indiana Supreme Court.
- B. The order of appointment under this rule shall constitute acceptance. An oath or additional evidence of acceptance of jurisdiction is not required.

(Amended effective 9/1/23)

LR32-TR5 Rule 2

Courthouse Mail

Delivery of a pleading or notice to an attorney's Hendricks County Courthouse mailbox constitutes service pursuant to Indiana Rule of Trial Procedure 5(B)(1)(d).

(Effective 1/1/14)

LR32-FL00 Rule 3

Mediation

- A. Absent good cause, mediation shall be required prior to a hearing on all Petitions for Dissolution of Marriage, Petitions to Establish Paternity, and Petitions to Modify.
- B. Absent good cause, mediation shall be required prior to a hearing in all contempt proceedings that are expected to last longer than two (2) hours.
- C. This rule shall not apply to those issues in which the State of Indiana represents a party.

In the Circuit Court and Superior Courts of Hendricks County
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Release Schedules

When any person is booked into the Hendricks County Jail on a warrantless arrest, the Sheriff shall either release or detain the person in accordance with the schedules found in Appendices A and B pertaining to pretrial release and bond.

Conditions of Release

- A. All releases on bond or on personal recognizance are subject to the following conditions:
1. the defendant shall appear in court at all times required by the Court;
 2. the defendant shall not leave the State of Indiana without the prior written approval of the Court;
 3. the defendant shall not commit or be arrested for another criminal offense;
 4. for the purposes of receiving court notices and reminders of hearing dates, the defendant shall provide a valid e-mail address and telephone number for a cellular telephone that can receive text messages, if available;
 5. the defendant shall keep his or her attorney and the Court advised in writing of any change of address, telephone number, or e-mail address within twenty-four (24) hours of such change; and

6. any other condition of release ordered by the Court.
- B. Pursuant to IC 35-33-8-3.2(a)(4), a defendant's release may also be conditioned upon refraining from any direct or indirect contact with the alleged victim of an offense or other individual so ordered by the Court.
 - C. Violation of any condition of release may result in the Court revoking the defendant's release and the issuance of a warrant for re-arrest.

Alteration of Release Status

Pre-trial motions for bond reduction or pretrial release shall be presented to the Court in writing and proper notice of the hearing scheduled thereon shall be given to the prosecuting attorney.

(Amended effective 2/1/23)

LR 32-CR00 Rule 2 Pre-Screening for Home Detention, Work Release, or SCRAM

- A. Any defendant in a criminal case who requests placement on home detention or work release or monitoring by a SCRAM device, either pursuant to a pre-trial release or as a result of a sentence imposed by a court, shall be required to submit to pre-screening prior to approval by the court.
- B. Procedure
 1. Any defendant pre-screened for home detention, work release, or SCRAM shall be required to submit to a urine drug screen at the defendant's pre-screen appointment. Positive urine drug screen results will be reported to the court and may be considered as a basis to deny placement.
 2. Defendants shall be responsible for the cost of drug testing.
 3. For defendants who are not in custody of the Hendricks County Sheriff's Department, pre-screening for placement in home detention or work release or monitoring by a SCRAM device shall occur at the Hendricks County Work Release Facility.
 4. For in-custody defendants, pre-screening for placement in home detention or work release or monitoring by a SCRAM device shall occur at the Hendricks County Jail.
 5. Absent good cause, all pre-screenings for home detention, work release, or SCRAM shall be completed at least seven (7) days prior to a plea hearing, sentencing, or

court approval. Absent good cause, any defendant who fails to appear for his/her pre-screen appointment shall not be eligible for placement.

- C. Ultimate authority to approve a defendant for placement on home detention or work release or monitoring by a SCRAM device shall remain with the Court.

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LR 32-CR00 Rule 3 Depositions in Criminal Cases

Any sworn tape-recorded interview in which the prosecutor, the defense attorney, and the witnesses are present shall be considered a deposition under the Indiana Trial Rules. Prosecutors and defense attorneys shall cooperate in using such recorded statements instead of formal depositions under any circumstance that will expedite case preparation.

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Appendix A to LR32-CR00 Rule 1 Release on Bond or Personal Recognizance

Scope of Bond Schedule

- A. This bond schedule applies to all cases filed in the Hendricks County Courts, the Avon Town Court, the Brownsburg Town Court, and the Plainfield Town Court. The Sheriff of Hendricks County is hereby ordered to follow this bond schedule for setting bonds for all persons arrested without warrants for criminal offenses to be filed in the foregoing courts.
- B. This bond schedule shall apply to the highest charge pending against a person if multiple charges are or may be filed. If the bond provided is inappropriate under the circumstances, the prosecuting attorney shall bring such circumstances to the attention of the Court by written motion.
- C. This bond schedule shall not be applicable in the case of a person who has been arrested for a crime while on adult probation, parole, community supervision, bond, or released on own recognizance for another offense in any jurisdiction. In such a case, the person may be detained for a maximum period of fifteen (15) calendar days, during which period the prosecuting attorney shall notify the appropriate probation, parole, or community corrections authority, and the Court shall determine the proper bond, if any.

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Offense	Cash Bond	Surety Bond
Felony Possession of Controlled Substance Other than Marijuana/Possession of Syringe/OWI with prior OWI conviction within 7 years	\$3,500	\$25,000
Non-violent Level 5 Felony ¹	\$3,500	\$25,000
Level 6 Felony IN-residents	\$500	\$5,000
Level 6 Felony out-of-state residents	\$1,000	\$15,000
Class A Misdemeanor IN residents	\$300	
Class A Misdemeanor out-of-state residents	\$500	\$5,000
Class B Misdemeanor IN residents	\$300	
Class B Misdemeanor out-of-state residents	\$500	\$3,000
Class C Misdemeanor IN residents	\$300	
Class C Misdemeanor out-of-state residents	\$500	\$2,000
Habitual Offender	\$5,000	\$30,000

Lack of Identification

Any person who cannot be positively identified at book-in shall be held without bond until the person is brought before the Court for a hearing to determine bond. This includes, but is not limited to, those individuals who refuse to cooperate in their identification by refusing to be fingerprinted, individuals who possess conflicting identification, and individuals whose identifying information cannot be verified.

¹ This means a Level 5 felony offense in which:

1. the defendant did not possess a firearm or other deadly weapon;
2. no bodily injury occurred to any person; and
3. no force was used or threatened against any person.

Persons Charged with a Crime of Driving While Suspended or No Valid License

After being processed by the Hendricks County Sheriff and completing the "Promise to Appear" form, persons arrested for driving while suspended pursuant to IC 9-24-19-2 or -3 or no valid license pursuant to IC 9-24-18-1 shall be released without bond. The Sheriff shall provide these persons with an initial hearing date.

Cash Bonds

- A. All cash bonds shall be posted with the Hendricks County Clerk or the Hendricks County Sheriff only after the defendant signs a personal appearance bond.
- B. The Hendricks County Clerk shall retain a portion of each cash bond posted in criminal cases as an administrative fee in all cases pending in the Hendricks County Courts. The administrative fee shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the monetary value of the deposit or fifty dollars (\$50.00), whichever is less.

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Appendix B to LR32-CR00 Rule 1 Release on Bond or Personal Recognizance

Scope of Pretrial Release Schedule

This release schedule applies to certain cases filed in the Hendricks County Courts, the Avon Town Court, the Brownsburg Town Court, and the Plainfield Town Court. The Sheriff of Hendricks County is hereby ordered to follow this schedule for determining the pretrial release of certain categories of persons arrested without warrants for criminal offenses to be filed in the foregoing courts.

Definitions

The terms in the release schedule below are defined as follows:

- A. Less Serious Misdemeanor. This includes all non-violent misdemeanors except Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated ("OWI") and possession of a controlled substance other than marijuana or a syringe.
- B. Non-Violent Offense. This means an offense in which:
 - 1. the defendant did not possess a firearm or other deadly weapon;
 - 2. no bodily injury occurred to any person; and
 - 3. no force was used or threatened against any person.
- C. More Serious Misdemeanor. This means an offense in which:
 - 1. the defendant possessed a firearm or other deadly weapon;
 - 2. simple bodily injury other than domestic battery occurred to another person; or
 - 3. force was used or threatened against another person, including by use of motor vehicle, to someone other than law enforcement.
 - 4. This also includes persons charged with
 - d. first-time OWI and
 - e. all offenses listed under IC 9-30-10-0.3 through IC 9-30-10-13.
 - 5. This does not include possession of a controlled substance other than marijuana or a syringe.
- D. Violent Offense. This includes:
 - 1. all "crimes of violence" listed under IC 35-50-1-2;
 - 2. all sex offenses listed under IC 35-42-4-1 through IC 35-42-4-14;
 - 3. any offense that results in moderate bodily injury, serious bodily injury, or death to someone other than the defendant;
 - 4. any offense where the defendant possessed a firearm or other deadly weapon and is charged with a Level 5 felony;

5. any offense where the threat of deadly force occurred;
6. arson charged as a Level 6 felony;
7. assisting a criminal, charged as a Level 5 felony;
8. burglary;
9. criminal confinement;
10. disarming law enforcement officer;
11. domestic battery;
12. escape;
13. explosive devices;
14. failure to return;
15. felony intimidation;
16. human trafficking charged as a Level 5 felony;
17. incest;
18. kidnapping;
19. neglect of dependent;
20. possession of dangerous device while incarcerated;
21. residential entry charged as Level 6 felony;
22. resisting law enforcement;
23. robbery;
24. stalking;
25. strangulation;
26. trafficking with inmate; and
27. attempts, aiding, or conspiracy of (1) above offenses, (2) Levels 1-4 felonies, or (3) murder.

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Offense		More Serious Misdemeanor, Level 3	Non-Violent Level 5 Felony	Felony Possession of Controlled Substance Other than Marijuana/ Possession of Syringe/OWI with prior OWI conviction within 7 years	Violent Offenses, Level 3 Felony, & Level 4 Felony	Murder, Level 1 Felony, & Level 2 Felony
Risk Level	Less Serious Misdemeanor	Felony, & Habitual Traffic Violator²				
Low	Bond Schedule or Eligible for Release with Conditions Once Assessed	Bond Schedule or Eligible for Release with Conditions Once Assessed	Bond Schedule or Eligible for Release with Conditions After Initial Hearing (IH)	Once Assessed, (1) Bond Schedule, (2) Release with Conditions, or (3) Release with Conditions After IH	No Bond Detain Until IH	No Bond Detain Until IH
Medium	Bond Schedule or Eligible for Release with Conditions Once Assessed	Bond Schedule or Eligible for Release with Conditions Once Assessed	Bond Schedule or Eligible for Release with Conditions After IH	No Bond Detain Until IH	No Bond Detain Until IH	No Bond Detain Until IH
High	Bond Schedule or Eligible for Release with Conditions Once Assessed	Bond Schedule or Eligible for Release with Conditions Once Assessed	Bond Schedule or Eligible for Release with Conditions After IH	No Bond Detain Until IH	No Bond Detain Until IH	No Bond Detain Until IH

² This column excludes possession of a controlled substance or syringe or OWI with prior OWI conviction within 7 years of the current charge.

Pretrial Release Risk Assessment

- A. All persons detained in the Hendricks County Jail charged with the following offenses shall be eligible for pretrial release risk assessment:
 - 1. Misdemeanor,
 - 2. Level 6 felony,
 - 3. Habitual traffic violator,
 - 4. Non-violent Level 5 felony,
 - 5. Felony possession of a controlled substance other than marijuana,
 - 6. Possession of a syringe, or
 - 7. OWI with a prior OWI conviction within 7 years of the current charge.
- B. Other than persons charged with (1) felony possession of a controlled substance other than marijuana, (2) possession of a syringe, or (3) OWI who have a prior OWI conviction within 7 years of the current charge, any person eligible to post bond pursuant to the bond schedule in Appendix A may post bond and shall be released without receiving a pretrial release risk assessment.
- C. The pretrial release risk assessment shall include the administration of at least one (1) State-approved pretrial release risk assessment and such other risk assessment instrument(s) that may be approved and required by the judges of the Hendricks County Courts.
- D. All decisions regarding release and/or release conditions under this pretrial release schedule are conditional and may be reviewed *sua sponte* by the Court at the first appearance based upon information obtained through the pretrial screening process. After a defendant's first appearance (or waiver thereof), the Court, *sua sponte*, or the prosecuting attorney or the defendant may by written motion request a hearing on the defendant's pretrial release/detention status and/or conditions of release.

Eligibility for Pretrial Release

- A. Any person charged with a less serious misdemeanor who is assessed shall be eligible for release on their own recognizance and supervision through the pretrial release program.
- B. Any person charged with a more serious misdemeanor, Level 6 felony, or habitual traffic violator who is assessed shall be eligible for release on their own recognizance and supervision through the pretrial release program.

- C. Any person charged with a non-violent Level 5 felony who is assessed shall be eligible for release on their own recognizance only after the first appearance and shall be supervised through the pretrial release program.
- D. Any person charged with felony possession of a controlled substance other than marijuana, (2) possession of a syringe, or (3) OWI who has a prior OWI conviction within 7 years of the current OWI charge shall be detained in custody until his or her release can be reviewed by a judicial officer at or before the first appearance unless the person's risk level is low, in which case he or she may post bond pursuant to the bond schedule in Appendix A after receiving a pretrial release risk assessment.
- E. Any person charged with a violent offense, Level 3 felony, or Level 4 felony shall be detained in custody until his or her release can be reviewed by a judicial officer at or before the first appearance regardless of risk level.
- F. Any person charged with Murder, Level 1 felony, or Level 2 felony shall be detained in custody until his or her release can be reviewed by a judicial officer at or before the first appearance regardless of risk level.

Pretrial Release Conditions

Pretrial conditions of release under this pretrial release schedule may include that the person released shall:

- A. respond promptly to e-mail, telephone calls, or text messages from the pretrial release program;
- B. verify employment, residence, and contact information;
- C. meet in person as directed with a case monitor from the pretrial release program;
- D. obey all rules and regulations of the pretrial release program; and
- E. obey all other conditions imposed by the Court.

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