



In the
Indiana Supreme Court

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

Supreme Court Case No.
18S-MS-360

Order Approving Amended Local Rule

The Judges of the Gibson Circuit and Superior Courts request the approval of an amended local rule for caseload allocation in accordance with Indiana Administrative Rule 1(E). Attached to this Order is the proposed amended local rule.

Upon examination of the proposed rule amendment requested by the Gibson Circuit and Superior Courts, this Court finds that the proposed rule amendment, LR26-AR1-04 complies with the requirements of Indiana Administrative Rule 1(E), and, accordingly, should be approved.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by this Court that amended Local Rule LR26-AR1-04 for Gibson Circuit and Superior Courts, set forth as an attachment to this Order, is approved effective July 9, 2018.

Done at Indianapolis, Indiana, on 7/3/2018.


Loretta H. Rush
Chief Justice of Indiana

1. On or before April 12 of each year the Judge of the Gibson Circuit Court and the Judge of the Gibson Superior Court shall meet to review the Weighted Caseload Measures statistics as calculated by the Division of State Court Administration for the preceding calendar year. The Court utilization percentage of the two Courts shall be compared and if the utilization percentages are within 25 points of one another, it shall be presumed that no action is necessary to reduce the disparity. If the utilization percentage between the courts differs by more than 40 points in a calendar year or by more than 20 points for two consecutive years, it will be presumed that the disparity must be reduced, unless the judges agree otherwise after discussing and evaluating the various relevant factors.
2. Beginning on July 9, 2018, the Gibson Superior Court will be assigned all of the following case types: MF, CC, CT, PL, and PO. Unless otherwise agreed by the Judges, the random assignment for civil plenary cases shall continue until the end of the calendar year in which it was implemented.
3. As part of the Gibson County Plan for Allocation of Judicial Resources, the Judge of the Gibson Circuit Court and the Judge of the Gibson Superior Court shall be reasonably available for the assignment of cases throughout the administrative district consistent with the comparative utilization levels for the Courts within the district and as provided in the Administrative District 13 Plan for Allocation of Judicial Resources.

(Amended effective July 9, 2018)