



In the Indiana Supreme Court

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

Supreme Court Case No.
19S-MS-550

Order Approving Amended Local Rule

The Judges of the Putnam 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 Putnam Circuit and Superior Courts, this Court finds that the proposed rule amendment, LR67-AR-1, 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 67-AR-1 for Putnam Circuit and Superior Courts, set forth as an attachment to this Order, is approved effective upon approval.

Done at Indianapolis, Indiana, on 10/3/2019.

Loretta H. Rush
Chief Justice of Indiana

LR67- AR-1 Commencement of action/Assignment of Cases

Circuit Court

1. Civil

- all causes filed as a CC or a CT, except for (1) cases in which involve Putnam County Hospital or its employed doctors is/are a party; or (2) Old National Bank is a party
- All PL matters
- 50% of Dissolution of Marriage actions
- Mental Health Commitments
- Probate
- Trust
- Guardianship
- Juvenile – JM's, JD's, JS's, 50% of JP's
- All JC, JT, and JM of Department of Child Services
- Protective Orders if a Dissolution or Juvenile matter involving the same parties is pending
- Adoption
- 100% Reciprocal Support
- 100% Tax Petitions and Tax Sale
- 50% of MI cases

2. Criminal

- Murder- every other one (if co-defendant, then filed together)
- Felonies 50% Class A, B, C, D Felonies (by random draw at Clerk's Office) and
50% of Level 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 (by random draw at Clerk's Office)
- 50% Criminal Miscellaneous (search warrant applications, probation transfers, etc.)
- Misdemeanors if conflict or Defendant already has a pending filing in Circuit or it is an allegation of compulsory school attendance
- 50% of Criminal Miscellaneous (MC) (search warrant applications, probation transfer, etc.)

- Prior to filing a new criminal charge, the prosecutor's office is required to determine if the Defendant is on probation or already has a pending criminal case or on probation in one of the courts. If so, the prosecutor's office shall file the new case in the same court as the prior pending case/probation. Prior civil cases are not included/counted for assignment.

Superior Court

1. Civil

- CT's naming Putnam County Hospital / its doctors as a party; naming Old National Bank as a party
- 50% of Dissolution of Marriage actions
- 50% of JP's
- Small claims
- Rent/eviction
- Protective Orders, except where a dissolution or Juvenile matter is pending in the Putnam Circuit Court
- Actions filed by Jail or Penal institution inmates (MI cases)
- 50% MI cases
- Mortgage Foreclosures, Quiet Title, Boundary Line Disputes and other matters Involving title to real estate

2. Criminal

- Murder every other one (if co-defendant, then filed together)
- Felonies 50% of all Class A, B, C, D Felonies (by random draw at Clerk's Office) and 50% of Level 1,2,3,4,5,6 (by random draw at Clerk's Office)
- All A, B, C misdemeanors; Exception conflict or Defendant already has a pending filing in Circuit or it is an allegation of compulsory school attendance
- 50% of Criminal Miscellaneous MC (search warrant applications, probation transfers, etc.)

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*Certain case types will be assigned to Magistrate Judge which will keep weighted case load allocations within Indiana Supreme Court guidelines between the three judicial officers. Magistrate Judge shall hear JC's, DC's, AD's, SC's, PO's and MI's