

**STATE OF INDIANA – COUNTY OF ORANGE
IN THE ORANGE CIRCUIT AND SUPERIOR COURTS**

**Notice of Proposed Amendment(s) to Local Court Rule(s)
May 23, 2025**

In accordance with Trial Rule 81 of the Indiana Court Rules, the Orange County Circuit and Superior Courts hereby give notice to the bar and the public that the Courts propose to:

- A. Amend the Local Rule(s) on Caseloads (LR59-AR00-1). All new text is shown by underlining and deleted text is shown by ~~striketrough~~.
- B. Amend the Superior Court Alcohol & Drug Program Fee Schedule (LR59-AR00-2). All new text is shown by underlining and deleted text is shown by ~~striketrough~~.

Effective January 1, 2026.

The time period for the bar and the public to comment shall begin on June 2, 2025, and shall close on July 2, 2025. The proposed amendments to the rule will be adopted, modified or rejected before July 31, 2025, and, if required, the final version of the rule will be submitted to the Indiana Supreme Court for review and approval.

Comments by the bar and the public should be made in writing and mailed, or emailed, to:

Hon. Debra Andry, Judge of the Orange Superior Court, Attn: Public Comment on Local Rules,
Orange County Superior Court, 205 E Main Street, Ste. 16, Paoli, Indiana 47454; or
orangesuperiorcourt@outlook.com.

Hon. Steve Owen, Judge of the Orange Circuit Court, Attn: Public Comment on Local Rules,
Orange County Circuit Court, 1 E Court St., Paoli, Indiana 47454; or
orangecircuitcourt@outlook.com.

A paper copy of the proposed amended local rule(s) will be made available for viewing in the office of the Clerk of Orange County, Orange County Courthouse, 1 E Court St., Paoli, Indiana during normal business hours. Persons with Internet access may view the proposed amended local rule for Caseload Allocation Plan and Superior Court Alcohol & Drug Program Fee Schedule at the following websites:
<http://www.courts.IN.gov/rules/local>

/s/Steve Owen
Steve Owen, Judge
Orange Circuit Court

/s/Debra Andry
Debra Andry, Judge
Orange Superior Court

LR59-AR00-1
CASELOADS

The Courts of Orange County, Indiana adopt the following local rule in regard to caseloads pursuant to Administrative Rule 1(E) after reviewing the 2019 Weighted Caseload Measures and determining that the same complies with the 0.40 utilization Caseload Variance.

1. Unless precluded by state statute or state court rule, the following types of causes shall be filed exclusively in the Orange Superior Court:
 - a. Infractions (“IF” cause numbers),
 - b. Ordinance Violations (“OV” and “OE” cause numbers),
 - c. Criminal Misdemeanors (“CM” cause numbers),
 - d. Criminal Level 6 Felonies (“F6” cause numbers),
 - e. Protective Orders (“PO” cause numbers),
 - f. Small Claims in which the debt or damage claimed, or value of the property sought does not exceed the jurisdictional amount of \$10,000.00 (“SC” cause numbers),
 - g. Civil Plenary Cases in which the debt or damage claimed, or value of the property sought does not exceed \$10,000.00 (“PL” cause numbers),
 - h. Civil Collection Cases in which the debt or damage claimed, or value of the property sought does not exceed \$10,000.00 (“CC” cause numbers),
 - i. Domestic Relations cases filed between July 1st and ~~September 30th~~ **December 31st** inclusive (“DC” and “DN” cause numbers),
 - j. Miscellaneous Civil cases in which the debt or damage claimed, or the value of the property sought does not exceed \$10,000.00, and which do not seek injunctive relief (“MI” cause numbers), and
 - k. Eviction (“EV” cause number) inclusive of cases placed on small claims docket and civil collection docket.
2. Unless precluded by state statute or state court rule, Miscellaneous Criminal cases (“MC” cause numbers) including but not limited to Search Warrants may be filed in either the Orange Circuit or Superior Courts.
3. Unless precluded by state statute or state court rule, Red Flag cases (“RF” cause numbers) will be assigned to Judges configured to hear “MC” cases and may be filed in either the Orange Circuit or Superior Courts.
4. Unless precluded by state statute or state court rule, Petitions to Expunge Convictions, Petitions to Seal Criminal Records, and Petitions for Specialized Driving Privileges (“MI” cause numbers) shall be filed in that Court that entered the conviction or license suspension at issue. Petitions for Specialized Driving Privileges in regard to license suspensions imposed by the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles (“MI” cause numbers) may be filed in either the Orange Circuit or Superior Courts.

5. Petitions for Post Conviction Relief (“PC” cause numbers) seeking relief from a prior Judgment of the Orange Circuit Court shall be filed in the Orange Circuit Court. Petitions for Post Conviction Relief (“PC” cause numbers) seeking relief from a prior Judgment of the Orange Superior Court or Orange County Court shall be filed in the Orange Superior Court.
6. Unless precluded by state statute or state court rule, all other causes shall be filed exclusively in the Orange Circuit Court.
7. This rule does not preclude the following filings in the Orange Circuit Court:
 - a. Petitions for Protective Orders (“PO” cause numbers; when litigation between the same parties is pending in the Orange Circuit Court, or when the Respondent in the Protective Order is a juvenile.
 - b. Criminal Level 6 Felonies and Misdemeanors filed as counts to a more serious criminal charge filed in the Orange Circuit Court (“MR”, “F1”, “F2”, “F3”, “F4”, and “F5” cause numbers), and
 - c. Criminal Level 6 Felonies (“F6” cause numbers) and Criminal Misdemeanors (“CM” cause numbers) filed when the same Defendant has more serious criminal charges pending in the Orange Circuit Court.

(Amended effective January 1, 2024 2026)

LR59-AR00-2
SUPERIOR COURT ORANGE COUNTY COURTS ALCOHOL & DRUG PROGRAM
FEE SCHEDULE

The Orange Superior Court as the governing and supervising authority for the Orange ~~Superior Court~~ **County Courts** Alcohol & Drug Program, and with the agreement and approval of the Orange Circuit Court, adopts the following local rule establishing a Schedule of Fees for court alcohol and drug program services.

1. Assessment, education classes or treatment referral, and case management for a client ordered by an Orange County court, a client referred by the Orange County Probation Department pursuant to a probation established by an Orange County Court, or a client ordered by a court outside of Orange County or referred by a probation department pursuant to probation established by a court outside of Orange County if the county has no court alcohol and drug program..... \$400.00
2. Assessment, education classes or treatment referral, and case management for a client pursuant to a Pretrial Diversion Agreement filed in an Orange County Court..... \$150.00
3. Assessment, education classes or treatment referral, and case management for a client transferred in from a court alcohol and drug program outside of Orange County, or a client ordered by a court outside of Orange County or referred by a probation department pursuant to probation established by a court outside of Orange County if the county has a court alcohol and drug program..... \$300.00
4. Transfer out (with or without assessment) to a court alcohol and drug program outside of Orange County for a client ordered by an Orange County Court..... \$100.00

*(Amended effective ~~October 1, 2023~~ **January 1, 2026**)*