In the Indiana Supreme Court

In the Matter of the Appointment of Senior Judges and Allocating Service Days for 2025

Supreme Court Case No. 25S-MS-1



Order Appointing Senior Judges and Allocating Senior Judge Service Days

Administrative Rule 5(B)(1) provides that the Supreme Court may appoint all senior judges certified by the Judicial Nominating Commission to serve in the Court of Appeals, the Tax Court, a circuit, a superior, or a probate court.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that all senior judges certified by the Judicial Nominating Commission for service in 2024 are appointed to serve in the Court of Appeals, the Tax Court, or any circuit, superior, or probate court during 2025.

Additionally, Administrative Rule 5(B)(2) provides that each year the Supreme Court shall fix the number of senior judge days each court may use, based on the recommendation of the Chief Administrative Officer of the Indiana Supreme Court, using the weighted caseload measurement system, and other relevant criteria such as committee and Judicial Conference assignments, prior usage, medical needs, among other factors.

Senior judges are an important resource available to trial court judges to manage their caseloads. Senior judges can be utilized in a variety of ways. Senior judges can cover the docket while the trial judge handles administrative matters such as writing orders and handling tasks associated with staff management. Senior judges can also help cover the court when trial judges are attending training or committee meetings. Senior judges are also available to be appointed as special judges. Any court needing additional days to implement plans to utilize senior judges for case backlogs or to handle conflicts as special judges should contact the Office of Judicial Administration as explained below.

Requests for Additional Days. The burden is on the trial court judge to ensure that their use of senior judge days does not exceed their annual allotment as specified in the attached spreadsheet. Senior judges are required to provide a statement of service to assist courts in tracking senior judge usage. Additionally, the Senior Judge Portal provides up to date data on senior judge day usage for each court. The Court encourages judges to make use of these resources to track their usage of senior judges.

The practice of exceeding a court's senior judge allotment without first seeking additional days should be avoided whenever possible. Unless exceptional circumstances prevent doing so, requests for additional days must be submitted prior to the court exceeding its annual allotment. Requests for additional senior judge service days made after the court's allotment

has already been exceeded may be denied. Judges wishing to request additional allotments must contact Heather Falks, in writing, providing detailed information on new or changed circumstances necessitating additional senior judge service days. Additional allotments will not be made prior to March 1, 2025, unless there is an urgent need demonstrated.

Coverage of Suspensions. Senior judges may be used to cover suspensions that occur because of a disciplinary action. It is the suspended judge's responsibility to coordinate coverage of their suspension. It is also the responsibility of the suspended judge to ensure that their court has the requisite number of senior judge days to cover the suspension and to request additional days if necessary to cover the entirety of their suspension. A suspended judge will be required to use any remaining senior judge days from their 2025 allocation prior to being granted additional days to cover a suspension, then upon request additional days will be granted to cover the remainder of the suspension. The Court will not automatically grant requests for additional senior judge days for vacation or other personal matters following a suspension.

Judicial Conference Annual Meeting. Pursuant to Indiana Code section 33-38-9-3, senior judges are members of the Judicial Conference of Indiana. During the Annual Meeting of the Judicial Conference, senior judges are asked to prioritize assisting active Judicial Conference members by covering their courtrooms to allow those judicial officers to attend the Annual Meeting. If, however, a senior judge is not covering court for another Judicial Conference member, then their attendance at the Annual Meeting is expected. Senior judges who attend will receive mileage reimbursement and senior judge credit for their attendance.

Senior Judge Portal. The Senior Judge Portal is available via the INcite application. The Portal can be accessed by logging into INcite. Once logged-in, the Portal should appear on the right-hand side of your dashboard. The Portal contains a profile providing contact information, experience, and preferences for each senior judge. If the Portal does not appear on your INcite account, please contact Heather Falks.

IT IS, THEREFORE, FURTHER ORDERED that each court may use the number of senior judge days specified in the attached spreadsheet without any additional request to this Court. In those counties with unified courts and authority vested in the chief judge to allocate senior judge service days, the total number of senior judge service days allocated to the unified courts may be assigned by the chief judge to the various courts without reference to the limitations imposed upon individual courts by this Order. Such reassignments of senior judge service days shall be reported to the Chief Administrative Officer by emailing Heather Falks.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Court of Appeals and the Tax Court may utilize such senior judge service days as is reasonably necessary to conduct the business of those courts.

Done at Indianapolis, Indiana, on 1/6/2025.

Louis A. Ruch

Loretta H. Rush Chief Justice of Indiana

Allocation of Senior Judge Days

ADAMS	01C01	Circuit Court	20
ADAMS	01D01	Superior Court	15
ALLEN	02C01	Circuit Court	40
ALLEN	02D01	Superior Court 1	15
ALLEN	02D02	Superior Court 2	15
ALLEN	02D03	Superior Court 3	25
ALLEN	02D04	Superior Court 4	40
ALLEN	02D05	Superior Court 5	40
ALLEN	02D06	Superior Court 6	40
ALLEN	02D07	Superior Court 7	40
ALLEN	02D08	Superior Court 8	20
ALLEN	02D09	Superior Court 9	30
BARTHOLOMEW	03C01	Circuit Court	15
BARTHOLOMEW	03D01	Superior Court 1	40
BARTHOLOMEW	03D02	Superior Court 2	15
BENTON	04C01	Circuit Court	15
BLACKFORD	05C01	Circuit Court	15
BLACKFORD	05D01	Superior Court	15
BOONE	06C01	Circuit Court	15
BOONE	06D01	Superior Court 1	15
BOONE	06D02	Superior Court 2	15
BROWN	07C01	Circuit Court	15
CARROLL	08C01	Circuit Court	15
CARROLL	08D01	Superior Court	15
CASS	09C01	Circuit Court	40
CASS	09D01	Superior Court 1	40
CASS	09D02	Superior Court 2	15
CLARK	10C01	Circuit Court 1	15
CLARK	10C02	Circuit Court 2	25
CLARK	10C03	Circuit Court 3	15
CLARK	10C04	Circuit Court 4	15
CLARK	10D05	Superior Court 5	15
CLARK	10D06	Superior Court 6	40
CLAY	11C01	Circuit Court	30
CLAY	11D01	Superior Court	15
CLINTON	12C01	Circuit Court	35
CLINTON	12D01	Superior Court	15
CRAWFORD	13C01	Circuit Court	15
DAVIESS	14C01	Circuit Court	20
DAVIESS	14D01	Superior Court	40
DEARBORN	15C01	Circuit Court	15

DEARBORN	15D01	Superior Court 1	15
DEARBORN	15D02	Superior Court 2	15
DECATUR	16C01	Circuit Court	15
DECATUR	16D01	Superior Court	15
DEKALB	17C01	Circuit Court	15
DEKALB	17D01	Superior Court 1	15
DEKALB	17D02	Superior Court 2	30
DELAWARE	18C01	Circuit Court 1	15
DELAWARE	18C02	Circuit Court 2	35
DELAWARE	18C03	Circuit Court 3	15
DELAWARE	18C04	Circuit Court 4	25
DELAWARE	18C05	Circuit Court 5	15
DUBOIS	19C01	Circuit Court	40
DUBOIS	19D01	Superior Court	15
ELKHART	20C01	Circuit Court	25
ELKHART	20D01	Superior Court 1	15
ELKHART	20D02	Superior Court 2	30
ELKHART	20D03	Superior Court 3	15
ELKHART	20D04	Superior Court 4	40
ELKHART	20D05	Superior Court 5	25
ELKHART	20D06	Superior Court 6	40
FAYETTE	21C01	Circuit Court	15
FAYETTE	21D01	Superior Court	15
FLOYD	22C01	Circuit Court	35
FLOYD	22D01	Superior Court 1	40
FLOYD	22D02	Superior Court 2	15
FLOYD	22D03	Superior Court 3	15
FOUNTAIN	23C01	Circuit Court	20
FRANKLIN	24C01	Circuit Court 1	30
FRANKLIN	24C02	Circuit Court 2	15
FULTON	25C01	Circuit Court	15
FULTON	25D01	Superior Court	15
GIBSON	26C01	Circuit Court	15
GIBSON	26D01	Superior Court	15
GRANT	27C01	Circuit Court	40
GRANT	27D01	Superior Court 1	15
GRANT	27D02	Superior Court 2	40
GRANT	27D03	Superior Court 3	15
GREENE	28C01	Circuit Court	15
GREENE	28D01	Superior Court	15
HAMILTON	29C01	Circuit Court	40
HAMILTON	29D01	Superior Court 1	40
HAMILTON	29D02	Superior Court 2	35
HAMILTON	29D03	Superior Court 3	40
HAMILTON	29D04	Superior Court 4	40

HAMILTON	29D05	Superior Court 5	15
HAMILTON	29D05	Superior Court 6	40
HAMILTON	29D06	Superior Court 7	15
HANCOCK	30C01	Circuit Court	25
HANCOCK	30D01	Superior Court 1	25
HANCOCK	30D01	•	15
HARRISON	31C01	Superior Court 2 Circuit Court	15
HARRISON	31D01		25
		Superior Court Circuit Court	40
HENDRICKS	32C01		30
HENDRICKS	32D01	Superior Court 1	15
HENDRICKS	32D02	Superior Court 2	
HENDRICKS	32D03	Superior Court 3	30
HENDRICKS	32D04	Superior Court 4	20
HENDRICKS	32D05	Superior Court 5	40
HENRY	33C01	Circuit Court 1	15
HENRY	33C02	Circuit Court 2	15
HENRY	33C03	Circuit Court 3	25
HOWARD	34C01	Circuit Court	40
HOWARD	34D01	Superior Court 1	15
HOWARD	34D02	Superior Court 2	30
HOWARD	34D03	Superior Court 3	15
HOWARD	34D04	Superior Court 4	15
HUNTINGTON	35C01	Circuit Court	15
HUNTINGTON	35D01	Superior Court	15
JACKSON	36C01	Circuit Court	35
JACKSON	36D01	Superior Court 1	15
JACKSON	36D02	Superior Court 2	15
JASPER	37C01	Circuit Court	40
JASPER	37D01	Superior Court	25
JAY	38C01	Circuit Court	15
JAY	38D01	Superior Court	15
JEFFERSON	39C01	Circuit Court	15
JEFFERSON	39D01	Superior Court	35
JENNINGS	40C01	Circuit Court	15
JENNINGS	40D01	Superior Court	15
JOHNSON	41C01	Circuit Court	35
JOHNSON	41D01	Superior Court 1	30
JOHNSON	41D02	Superior Court 2	25
JOHNSON	41D03	Superior Court 3	35
JOHNSON	41D03	Superior Court 4	30
KNOX	41D04 42C01	Circuit Court	15
KNOX	42C01 42D01	Superior Court 1	35
KNOX	42D01 42D02	Superior Court 2	15
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KOSCIUSKO	43D01	Superior Court 1	13

KOSCIUSKO	43D02	Superior Court 2	25
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KOSCIUSKO	43D03	Superior Court 4	35
LAGRANGE	44C01	Circuit Court	15
LAGRANGE	44C01 44D01	Superior Court	15
LAKE	45C01	Circuit Court	15
		Superior Court, Civil 1	15
LAKE	45D01 45D02	Superior Court, Civil 2	25
LAKE			30
LAKE	45D03	Superior Court, Civil 3	15
	45D04	Superior Court, Civil 4	15
LAKE	45D05	Superior Court, Civil 5	15
LAKE	45D06	Superior Court, Juvenile Division	13
LAKE	45D07	Superior Court, County 1	15
LAKE	45D07	Superior Court, County 2	15
LAKE	45D08	Superior Court, County 3	15
LAKE	45D10	Superior Court, Civil 6	20
LAKE	45D10 45D11	Superior Court, Civil 7	15
LAKE	45D11	Superior Court, County 4	15
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LAKE	45G01 45G02	Superior Court, Criminal 1	25
LAKE	45G03	Superior Court, Criminal 2	25
		Superior Court, Criminal 3	25
LARORTE	45G04	Superior Court, Criminal 4	40
LAPORTE	46C01	Circuit Court	40
LAPORTE	46D01	Superior Court 1	40
LAPORTE	46D02	Superior Court 2	35
LAPORTE	46D03	Superior Court 3	15
LANAPENICE	46D04	Superior Court 4	15
LAWRENCE	47C01	Circuit Court	15
LAWRENCE	47D01	Superior Court 1	
LAWRENCE	47D02	Superior Court 2	15
MADISON	48C01	Circuit Court 1	15
MADISON	48C02	Circuit Court 2	25
MADISON	48C03	Circuit Court 3	15
MADISON	48C04	Circuit Court 4	30
MADISON	48C05	Circuit Court 5	15
MADISON	48C06	Circuit Court 6	15
MARION	49C01	Circuit Court	15
MARION	49D01	Superior 1	15
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MARION	49D08	Superior 8, Probate	15
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MARION	49D09	Division	25
MARION	49D10	Superior 10, Family Division	25
MARION	49D11	Superior11	30
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MARION	49D13	Superior 13	15
MARION	49D14	Superior 14, Family Division	25
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MARION	49D35	Superior 35	15
MARION	49D36	Superior 36	15
MARSHALL	50C01	Circuit Court	30
MARSHALL	50D01	Superior Court 1	30
MARSHALL	50D02	Superior Court 2	30
MARSHALL	50D03	Superior Court 3	20
MARTIN	51C01	Circuit Court	15
MIAMI	52C01	Circuit Court	15
MIAMI	52D01	Superior Court 1	15
MIAMI	52D02	Superior Court 2	35
MONROE	53C01	Circuit Court 1	20
MONROE	53C02	Circuit Court 2	15
MONROE	53C03	Circuit Court 3	15
MONROE	53C04	Circuit Court 4	20
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MONROE	53C07	Circuit Court 7	15
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MONROE	53C09	Circuit Court 9	15
MONTGOMERY	54C01	Circuit Court	15
MONTGOMERY	54D01	Superior Court 1	35
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MORGAN	55C01	Circuit Court	25
MORGAN	55D01	Superior Court 1	15
MORGAN	55D02	Superior Court 2	15
MORGAN	55D03	Superior Court 3	15
NEWTON	56C01	Circuit Court	15
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NOBLE	57C01	Circuit Court	40
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NOBLE	57D02	Superior Court 2	15
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ORANGE	59C01	Circuit Court	15
ORANGE	59D01	Superior Court	15
OWEN	60C01	Circuit Court 1	15
OWEN	60C02	Circuit Court 2	15
PARKE	61C01	Circuit Court	15
PERRY	62C01	Circuit Court	25
PIKE	63C01	Circuit Court	30
PORTER	64C01	Circuit Court	40
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PORTER	64D03	Superior Court 3	15
PORTER	64D04	Superior Court 4	40
PORTER	64D06	Superior Court 6	15
POSEY	65C01	Circuit Court	15
POSEY	65D01	Superior Court	15
PULASKI	66C01	Circuit Court	15
PULASKI	66D01	Superior Court	15
PUTNAM	67C01	Circuit Court	20
PUTNAM	67D01	Superior Court	15
RANDOLPH	68C01	Circuit Court	15
RANDOLPH	68D01	Superior Court	15
RIPLEY	69C01	Circuit Court	15
RIPLEY	69D01	Superior Court	15
RUSH	70C01	Circuit Court	30
RUSH	70D01	Superior Court	30
ST. JOSEPH	71C01	Circuit Court	15
ST. JOSEPH	71D01	Superior Court 1	15
ST. JOSEPH	71D02	Superior Court 2	25
ST. JOSEPH	71D03	Superior Court 3	35

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SWITZERLAND 78C01 Circuit Court	15
TIPPECANOE 79C01 Circuit Court	40
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TIPPECANOE 79D02 Superior Court 2	40
TIPPECANOE 79D03 Superior Court 3	25
TIPPECANOE 79D04 Superior Court 4	15
TIPPECANOE 79D05 Superior Court 5	15
TIPPECANOE 79D06 Superior Court 6	15
TIPPECANOE 79D07 Superior Court 7	25
TIPTON 80C01 Circuit Court	15
UNION 81C01 Circuit Court	15
VANDERBURGH 82C01 Circuit Court	30
VANDERBURGH 82D01 Superior Court 1	25
VANDERBURGH 82D02 Superior Court 2	40
VANDERBURGH 82D03 Superior Court 3	40
VANDERBURGH 82D04 Superior Court 4	25
VANDERBURGH 82D05 Superior Court 5	15
VANDERBURGH 82D06 Superior Court 6	15
VANDERBURGH 82D07 Superior Court 7	15
VERMILLION 83C01 Circuit Court	30
VIGO 84C01/D03 Circuit/Superior Court 3	40
VIGO 84D01 Superior Court 1	35
VIGO 84D02 Superior Court 2	15
VIGO 84D04 Superior Court 4	40
VIGO 84D05 Superior Court 5	25
VIGO 84D06 Superior Court 6	40
WABASH 85C01 Circuit Court	25
WABASH 85D01 Superior Court	

WARREN	86C01	Circuit Court	20
WARRICK	87C01	Circuit Court	25
WARRICK	87D01	Superior Court 1	15
WARRICK	87D02	Superior Court 2	30
WASHINGTON	88C01	Circuit Court	15
WASHINGTON	88D01	Superior Court	15
WAYNE	89C01	Circuit Court	15
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WAYNE	89D02	Superior Court 2	15
WAYNE	89D03	Superior Court 3	15
WELLS	90C01	Circuit Court	15
WELLS	90D01	Superior Court	15
WHITE	91C01	Circuit Court	15
WHITE	91D01	Superior Court	25
WHITLEY	92C01	Circuit Court	35
WHITLEY	92D01	Superior Court	35