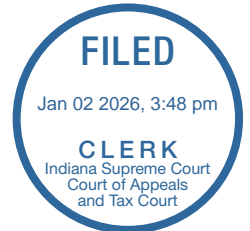


In the Indiana Supreme Court

In the Matter of the Appointment of Senior
Judges and Allocating Service Days for
2026

Supreme Court Case
No. 26S-MS-1

Order Appointing Senior Judges and Allocating Senior Judge Service Days



Administrative Rule 5(B)(1) authorizes the Indiana Supreme Court to 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 2025 are appointed to serve in the Court of Appeals, the Tax Court, or any circuit, superior, or probate court during 2026.

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

Senior judges are an important resource available to trial court judges to manage their caseloads and 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 docket when trial judges are attending training or committee meetings. And senior judges are available to be appointed as special judges. Any court needing additional days to implement plans to utilize senior judges for case backlogs or for handling 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. 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 Akash Burney (akash.burney@courts.in.gov), in writing, and provide detailed information on new or changed circumstances necessitating additional senior judge service days. Additional allotments will not be made before March 1, 2026, unless an urgent need is demonstrated.

Coverage of Suspensions. Senior judges may be used to cover suspensions that occur because of disciplinary action. It is the suspended judge's responsibility to coordinate coverage of their suspension. It is also the suspended judge's responsibility 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 2026 allocation before being granted additional days to cover a suspension. Additional days will then be granted, upon request, 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 that follow 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 the 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 Akash Burney (akash.burney@courts.in.gov).

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 Akash Burney (akash.burney@courts.in.gov).

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

Done at Indianapolis, Indiana, on 1/2/2026.



Loretta H. Rush
Chief Justice of Indiana

2026 Allocation of Senior Judge Days

ADAMS	01C01	Circuit Court	15
ADAMS	01D01	Superior Court	15
ALLEN	02C01	Circuit Court	35
ALLEN	02D01	Superior Court 1	15
ALLEN	02D02	Superior Court 2	35
ALLEN	02D03	Superior Court 3	35
ALLEN	02D04	Superior Court 4	35
ALLEN	02D05	Superior Court 5	35
ALLEN	02D06	Superior Court 6	35
ALLEN	02D07	Superior Court 7	35
ALLEN	02D08	Superior Court 8	35
ALLEN	02D09	Superior Court 9	25
BARTHOLOMEW	03C01	Circuit Court	25
BARTHOLOMEW	03D01	Superior Court 1	35
BARTHOLOMEW	03D02	Superior Court 2	25
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	35
CASS	09D01	Superior Court 1	15
CASS	09D02	Superior Court 2	15
CLARK	10C01	Circuit Court 1	30
CLARK	10C02	Circuit Court 2	15
CLARK	10C03	Circuit Court 3	15
CLARK	10C04	Circuit Court 4	35
CLARK	10D05	Superior Court 5	15
CLARK	10D06	Superior Court 6	35
CLAY	11C01	Circuit Court	35
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	25
DEARBORN	15C01	Circuit Court	15
DEARBORN	15D01	Superior Court 1	20
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	35
DEKALB	17D02	Superior Court 2	30
DELAWARE	18C01	Circuit Court 1	30
DELAWARE	18C02	Circuit Court 2	35
DELAWARE	18C03	Circuit Court 3	15
DELAWARE	18C04	Circuit Court 4	35
DELAWARE	18C05	Circuit Court 5	15
DUBOIS	19C01	Circuit Court	35
DUBOIS	19D01	Superior Court	15
ELKHART	20C01	Circuit Court	35
ELKHART	20D01	Superior Court 1	15
ELKHART	20D02	Superior Court 2	30
ELKHART	20D03	Superior Court 3	35
ELKHART	20D04	Superior Court 4	15
ELKHART	20D05	Superior Court 5	35
ELKHART	20D06	Superior Court 6	35
FAYETTE	21C01	Circuit Court	15
FAYETTE	21D01	Superior Court	15
FLOYD	22C01	Circuit Court	35
FLOYD	22D01	Superior Court 1	35
FLOYD	22D02	Superior Court 2	15
FLOYD	22D03	Superior Court 3	25
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	35
GRANT	27D01	Superior Court 1	15
GRANT	27D02	Superior Court 2	35
GRANT	27D03	Superior Court 3	35
GREENE	28C01	Circuit Court	15
GREENE	28D01	Superior Court	15
HAMILTON	29C01	Circuit Court	35
HAMILTON	29D01	Superior Court 1	35
HAMILTON	29D02	Superior Court 2	35
HAMILTON	29D03	Superior Court 3	35
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HAMILTON	29D05	Superior Court 5	35
HAMILTON	29D06	Superior Court 6	35

HAMILTON	29D07	Superior Court 7	35
HANCOCK	30C01	Circuit Court	35
HANCOCK	30D01	Superior Court 1	35
HANCOCK	30D02	Superior Court 2	15
HARRISON	31C01	Circuit Court	15
HARRISON	31D01	Superior Court	35
HENDRICKS	32C01	Circuit Court	25
HENDRICKS	32D01	Superior Court 1	30
HENDRICKS	32D02	Superior Court 2	15
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HENDRICKS	32D04	Superior Court 4	30
HENDRICKS	32D05	Superior Court 5	35
HENRY	33C01	Circuit Court 1	25
HENRY	33C02	Circuit Court 2	15
HENRY	33C03	Circuit Court 3	25
HOWARD	34C01	Circuit Court	35
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	25
JACKSON	36D02	Superior Court 2	15
JASPER	37C01	Circuit Court	35
JASPER	37D01	Superior Court	25
JAY	38C01	Circuit Court	15
JAY	38D01	Superior Court	15
JEFFERSON	39C01	Circuit Court	15
JEFFERSON	39D01	Superior Court	25
JENNINGS	40C01	Circuit Court	15
JENNINGS	40D01	Superior Court	15
JOHNSON	41C01	Circuit Court	35
JOHNSON	41D01	Superior Court 1	35
JOHNSON	41D02	Superior Court 2	25
JOHNSON	41D03	Superior Court 3	35
JOHNSON	41D04	Superior Court 4	35
KNOX	42C01	Circuit Court	15
KNOX	42D01	Superior Court 1	35
KNOX	42D02	Superior Court 2	15
KOSCIUSKO	43C01	Circuit Court	35
KOSCIUSKO	43D01	Superior Court 1	15
KOSCIUSKO	43D02	Superior Court 2	25
KOSCIUSKO	43D03	Superior Court 3	15

KOSCIUSKO	43D04	Superior Court 4	35
LAGRANGE	44C01	Circuit Court	15
LAGRANGE	44D01	Superior Court	15
LAKE	45C01	Circuit Court	15
LAKE	45D01	Superior Court, Civil 1	35
LAKE	45D02	Superior Court, Civil 2	35
LAKE	45D03	Superior Court, Civil 3	15
LAKE	45D04	Superior Court, Civil 4	15
LAKE	45D05	Superior Court, Civil 5	30
LAKE	45D06	Superior Court, Juvenile Division	15
LAKE	45D07	Superior Court, County 1	15
LAKE	45D08	Superior Court, County 2	15
LAKE	45D09	Superior Court, County 3	15
LAKE	45D10	Superior Court, Civil 6	20
LAKE	45D11	Superior Court, Civil 7	15
LAKE	45D12	Superior Court, County 4	15
LAKE	45G01	Superior Court, Criminal 1	25
LAKE	45G02	Superior Court, Criminal 2	25
LAKE	45G03	Superior Court, Criminal 3	25
LAKE	45G04	Superior Court, Criminal 4	25
LAPORTE	46C01	Circuit Court	35
LAPORTE	46D01	Superior Court 1	35
LAPORTE	46D02	Superior Court 2	35
LAPORTE	46D03	Superior Court 3	35
LAPORTE	46D04	Superior Court 4	15
LAWRENCE	47C01	Circuit Court	20
LAWRENCE	47D01	Superior Court 1	30
LAWRENCE	47D02	Superior Court 2	15
MADISON	48C01	Circuit Court 1	15
MADISON	48C02	Circuit Court 2	25
MADISON	48C03	Circuit Court 3	25
MADISON	48C04	Circuit Court 4	20
MADISON	48C05	Circuit Court 5	15
MADISON	48C06	Circuit Court 6	15
MARION	49C01	Circuit Court	35
MARION	49D01	Superior 1	35
MARION	49D02	Superior 2	15
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MARION	49D05	Superior 5	15
MARION	49D06	Superior 6	25
MARION	49D07	Superior 7	15
MARION	49D08	Superior 8, Probate	20
MARION	49D09	Superior 9, Juvenile Division	15
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MARION	49D22	Superior 22, Traffic Court	15
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MARION	49D36	Superior 36	15
MARSHALL	50C01	Circuit Court	15
MARSHALL	50D01	Superior Court 1	30
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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	25
MONROE	53C01	Circuit Court 1	20
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MONROE	53C03	Circuit Court 3	15
MONROE	53C04	Circuit Court 4	15
MONROE	53C05	Circuit Court 5	15
MONROE	53C06	Circuit Court 6	20
MONROE	53C07	Circuit Court 7	20
MONROE	53C08	Circuit Court 8	15
MONROE	53C09	Circuit Court 9	15
MONTGOMERY	54C01	Circuit Court	15
MONTGOMERY	54D01	Superior Court 1	15

MONTGOMERY	54D02	Superior Court 2	35
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MORGAN	55D02	Superior Court 2	15
MORGAN	55D03	Superior Court 3	15
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NOBLE	57D01	Superior Court 1	15
NOBLE	57D02	Superior Court 2	15
OHIO	58C01	Circuit Court	15
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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
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PORTER	64D01	Superior Court 1	15
PORTER	64D02	Superior Court 2	20
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PORTER	64D04	Superior Court 4	35
PORTER	64D06	Superior Court 6	15
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POSEY	65D01	Superior Court	15
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PULASKI	66D01	Superior Court	15
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RANDOLPH	68D01	Superior Court	15
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RIPLEY	69D01	Superior Court	15
RUSH	70C01	Circuit Court	35
RUSH	70D01	Superior Court	35
ST. JOSEPH	71C01	Circuit Court	20
ST. JOSEPH	71D01	Superior Court 1	35
ST. JOSEPH	71D02	Superior Court 2	25
ST. JOSEPH	71D03	Superior Court 3	15
ST. JOSEPH	71D04	Superior Court 4	15
ST. JOSEPH	71D05	Superior Court 5	15
ST. JOSEPH	71D06	Superior Court 6	15
ST. JOSEPH	71D07	Superior Court 7	15
ST. JOSEPH	71D08	Superior Court 8	20

ST. JOSEPH	71J01	Probate Court	25
SCOTT	72C01	Circuit Court	15
SCOTT	72D01	Superior Court	15
SHELBY	73C01	Circuit Court	15
SHELBY	73D01	Superior Court 1	15
SHELBY	73D02	Superior Court 2	15
SPENCER	74C01	Circuit Court	15
STARKE	75C01	Circuit Court	15
STEUBEN	76C01	Circuit Court	30
STEUBEN	76D01	Superior Court	15
SULLIVAN	77C01	Circuit Court	15
SULLIVAN	77D01	Superior Court	15
SWITZERLAND	78C01	Circuit Court	15
TIPPECANOE	79C01	Circuit Court	35
TIPPECANOE	79D01	Superior Court 1	35
TIPPECANOE	79D02	Superior Court 2	35
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TIPPECANOE	79D05	Superior Court 5	15
TIPPECANOE	79D06	Superior Court 6	15
TIPPECANOE	79D07	Superior Court 7	15
TIPTON	80C01	Circuit Court	15
UNION	81C01	Circuit Court	15
VANDEBURGH	82C01	Circuit Court	30
VANDEBURGH	82D01	Superior Court 1	15
VANDEBURGH	82D02	Superior Court 2	35
VANDEBURGH	82D03	Superior Court 3	35
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VANDEBURGH	82D05	Superior Court 5	25
VANDEBURGH	82D06	Superior Court 6	25
VANDEBURGH	82D07	Superior Court 7	25
VERMILLION	83C01	Circuit Court	30
VIGO	84C01/D03	Circuit/Superior Court 3	35
VIGO	84D01	Superior Court 1	35
VIGO	84D02	Superior Court 2	25
VIGO	84D04	Superior Court 4	35
VIGO	84D05	Superior Court 5	15
VIGO	84D06	Superior Court 6	35
WABASH	85C01	Circuit Court	15
WABASH	85D01	Superior Court	15
WARREN	86C01	Circuit Court	15
WARRICK	87C01	Circuit Court	25
WARRICK	87D01	Superior Court 1	15
WARRICK	87D02	Superior Court 2	20
WASHINGTON	88C01	Circuit Court	15

WASHINGTON	88D01	Superior Court	15
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WAYNE	89D01	Superior Court 1	30
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	15
WHITLEY	92C01	Circuit Court	35
WHITLEY	92D01	Superior Court	35