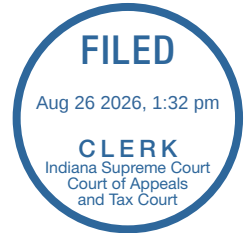


In the Indiana Supreme Court

In the Matter of the Appointment of a
Judge Pro Tempore in the Clay Superior
Court

Supreme Court Case No.
26S-MS-295



Order Appointing Judge Pro Tempore

The Honorable Robert A. Pell, Judge of the Clay Superior Court, has notified this Court that he will be retiring from the bench on August 28, 2026. J. Blaine Akers has expressed willingness to serve as Judge Pro Tempore beginning on August 28.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that pursuant to Indiana Trial Rule 63, J. Blaine Akers is appointed Judge Pro Tempore in Clay Superior Court, effective August 28, and shall remain as Judge Pro Tempore until further order of this Court.

This order shall be sufficient authority for J. Blaine Akers to continue the employment of court personnel and otherwise discharge the duties of Judge of the Clay Superior Court until further order of this Court. J. Blaine Akers shall be entitled to compensation for his service, paid by the State of Indiana, computed at the same rate as the regular judge commencing from the effective date of his appointment, pursuant to Trial Rule 63(D).

Done at Indianapolis, Indiana, on 8/26/2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Loretta H. Rush", written over a horizontal line.

Loretta H. Rush
Chief Justice of Indiana