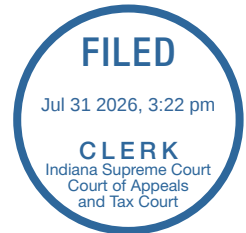


In the
Indiana Supreme Court

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

Supreme Court Case No.
26S-MS-258



Order Approving Amended Local Rule

The Judges of the Randolph Circuit and Superior Courts request the approval of an amended local rule for caseload allocation in accordance with Administrative Rule 1(E). Attached to this Order is the proposed amended local rule.

Upon examination of the proposed rule amendments requested by the Randolph Circuit and Superior Courts, this Court finds that the proposed amendments to LR68-AR1-701 comply with the requirements of Administrative Rule 1(E), and, accordingly, should be approved.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by this Court that amended Local Rule, LR68-AR1-701, for the Randolph Circuit and Superior Courts, set forth as an attachment to this Order, is approved effective January 1, 2027.

Done at Indianapolis, Indiana, on 7/31/2026.

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

Loretta H. Rush
Chief Justice of Indiana

LR68-AR1-701 PLAN FOR CASELOAD ALLOCATION

(A) CIRCUIT COURT. The following cases shall be filed solely in the Randolph Circuit Court:

- i. Murder (MR)
- ii. Mental Health (MH)
- iii. Adoption (AD)
- iv. Estate Supervised (ES)
- v. Estate Unsupervised (EU)
- vi. Estate Miscellaneous (EM)
- vii. Guardianship (GU)
- viii. Trust (TR)
- ix. Juvenile CHINS (JC)
- x. Juvenile Delinquency (JD)
- xi. Juvenile Status (JS)
- xii. Juvenile Termination of Parental Rights (JT)
- xiii. Juvenile Paternity (JP) and
- xiv. Juvenile Miscellaneous (JM)

(B) SUPERIOR COURT. The following cases shall be filed solely in the Randolph Superior Court:

- i. Criminal Misdemeanor (CM), unless part of multiple charges which include a felony being filed in Circuit Court
- ii. Infraction (IF), unless part of multiple charges which include a felony being charged in Circuit Court
- iii. Local Ordinance Violation (OV)
- iv. Exempted Ordinance Violation (OE)
- v. Small Claims (SC)
- vi. All Title 9 offenses, including homicide with a motor vehicle
- vii. All eviction cases (EV)

(C) All Level 6 Felonies shall be filed in Superior Court except the following which shall be filed in Circuit Court:

- i. Neglect of a dependent and offenses against the family under I.C. 35-46-1-1 et. Seq
- ii. Felony non-support, I.C. 35-46-1-5 when the underlying support order was issued by the Randolph Superior Court
- iii. Welfare fraud, I.C. 35-43-5-7; and

iv. Failure to Register as a Sex Offender, I.C. 5-2-12-9

- (D) **Level 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 Felonies** shall be filed in the following manner, based upon the month of commission of the crime:
- i. Charges for crimes committed in January, February, April, May, July, August, October, and November shall be filed in the Randolph Circuit Court
 - ii. Charges for crimes committed in March, June, September, and December shall be filed in the Randolph Superior Court
 - iii. If multiple offenses are charged in a single information, the month of the earliest charge shall be the month used to determine in which Court the charges will be filed.
- (E) Once a case has been assigned in accordance with the provision set out herein, the case cannot be assigned to another judge by dismissal and refile if the second filing is based on the same underlying incident.
- (F) In criminal cases, the case shall be assigned according to the highest class charge. Cases filed against other defendants arising out the same fact situation which are joinable by law shall be filed in the same court.
- (G) All other cases may be filed in either Court at the election of the filer.
- (H) Per I.C. 33-29-1-9, the Judge of the Randolph Circuit Court, with consent of the Judge of the Randolph Superior Court, may transfer any action or proceeding from the Circuit Court to the Superior Court, and the Judge of the Randolph Superior Court, with consent of the Judge of the Randolph Circuit Court, may transfer any action or proceeding from the standard Superior Court to the Circuit Court.