

In the Indiana Supreme Court

In the Matter of: D.S., a Child in Need of
Services;
D.S.,
Appellant,

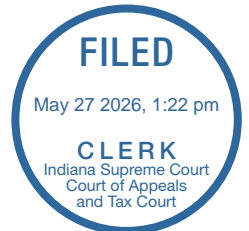
v.

Indiana Department of Child Services,
Appellee.

Supreme Court Case No.
26S-JC-157

Court of Appeals Case No.
25A-JC-1881

Trial Court Case No.
32D03-2501-JC-1



Published Order Setting Oral Argument and Inviting Amicus Briefing

The Court has determined the above-captioned case merits oral argument. The argument will be conducted in the Courtroom of the Indiana Supreme Court, 317 Statehouse, 200 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana on:

Thursday, September 17, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

The argument will be forty minutes in length, equally divided between the parties. Any entity granted amicus curiae status may argue without further motion, but only with the consent of the party with whom the amicus is aligned. Appellant shall argue first and may reserve time for rebuttal.

Attorneys of record shall file an acknowledgement of the argument setting within fifteen days after service of this order and should arrive twenty minutes before the argument to complete an appearance form. Important information about oral argument procedures is in Appellate Rules 52 and 53, and online at <https://www.in.gov/courts/supreme/arguments/instructions/>. Contact Supreme Court Services at 317-233-8700 with questions not answered on the website or by the rules.

The Court invites briefing from any amici with an interest in this case. Any entity wishing to prepare and file an amicus brief must file a motion for leave to appear as amicus and tender its proposed brief no later than **July 23, 2026**. See App. R. 41. Any amicus brief must not exceed 4,200 words, exclusive of the items listed in Appellate Rule 44(C), and must be accompanied by the verified statement of word count. See App. R. 44(F). The parties may each file a single response brief, not exceeding 4,200 words, addressing the amicus brief(s); any such response must be filed no later than **August 12, 2026**, and must comply with Appellate Rules 44(C) and (F).

Done at Indianapolis, Indiana, on 5/27/2026 .

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Loretta H. Rush".

Loretta H. Rush
Chief Justice of Indiana

All Justices concur.