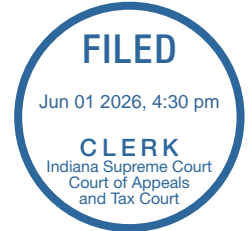


In the
Indiana Supreme Court

Cause No. 26S-MS-8



Order Amending Administrative Rules

The Judicial Conference of Indiana’s Judicial Resources Committee proposed an amendment to Administrative Rule 1(E) to expand the authority of a judicial officer to serve in other courts.

The Court has considered the proposed amendment. Under this Court’s authority to establish procedures and supervise the administration of all courts in the state, Administrative Rule 1(E) is amended as set forth in Exhibit A to this order (deletions shown by ~~strikethrough~~ and new text shown by underlining).

This amendment is effective July 1, 2026.

Done at Indianapolis, Indiana, on 6/1/2026.

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

Loretta H. Rush
Chief Justice of Indiana

All Justices concur.

Exhibit A

Indiana Administrative Rules

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Rule 1. Preparation and Filing of Statistical Reports

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(E) Statewide, County, and Judicial District Caseload Plans; Authority of Judicial Officer to Serve in Other Courts. The judges of the courts of record in each county must, by a local rule, develop and implement a caseload allocation plan for the county that ensures an even distribution of judicial caseloads among the judges of the courts of record in the county. The judges of the courts of record in each judicial district (established by Administrative Rule 3) may, by local rule, develop a district caseload allocation plan that allows for the efficient adjudication of cases within the district. Upon request of the Judicial Conference of Indiana, IOJA, Supreme Court, or another judicial officer in a court of record, a judicial officer of a court of record ~~within a county or district~~ may serve as acting judge in any matter in any other court of record in the state within the judicial officer's county, district, and contiguous counties. The acting judge serves as if the judicial officer were the elected judge in that court. The authority to serve as acting judge applies even when the regular judge of the other court is present and available in the building that contains the court.

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