

Domestic Relations Benchbook Committee
Judicial Conference of Indiana

Meeting in Person
January 30, 2026

The Domestic Relations Benchbook Committee of the Judicial Conference of Indiana met on Friday, January 30, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. This meeting took place at 251 N. Illinois Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

1. Members present. Chair Hon. Gregory Smith, Hon. Catherine Stafford, Hon. Andrew Bloch, Hon. Karen McGrath, Hon. Lisa Swaim, and Hon. Philip Sheward, Hon. Chris Kehler, Hon. Michael Casati, Hon. Jeryl Leach
2. Staff present: Joseph Fischer Staff Attorneys for the Indiana Office of Court Services, provided the committee with staff assistance.
3. Minutes approved: October 31, 2025, minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve was made by Judge Judge Leach, seconded by Judge Judge Bloch. Minutes approved unanimously.
4. DR Forms . Committee Members conducted final review of Domestic Relations Forms. Approved pending Judge Stafford's submission of dissolution form.
5. Paternity Benchbook- Committee finalizes review of Juvenile Paternity Benchbook.
6. Next meeting. Members of the committee agreed to meet again and approve forms and paternity benchbook for posting, in person on Friday, February 27th 2026 from 11:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. in person

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Fischer, Staff Attorney
Indiana Office of Court Services

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Meeting via Zoom
February 27, 2026

The Domestic Relations Benchbook Committee of the Judicial Conference of Indiana met on Friday, February 27, 2026, scheduled from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 PM. This meeting took place via Zoom.

1. Members present: Hon. Greg Smith, Hon. Chris Kheller, Hon. Lisa Reger, Hon. Thoas Massey, Hon. Molly Briles, Hon. Thomas Hallet, Hon. Jason Thompson, Hon. Jeryl Leach, Hon. Andrew Bloch
2. Staff present: Staff Attorneys Joseph Fischer and Kelly Elliot provided staff assistance.
3. Minutes approved: January 30th, 2026, minutes were reviewed. A motion to approve was made by Judge Leach and seconded by Judge Briles. The minutes were approved unanimously.
4. Forms: The committee members conducted a review of additional Dissolution Form. Prior Forms to be posted and made available to all Judicial Officers.
5. Paternity Benchbook: The committee reviewed the formatted and edited version of the paternity benchbook. The committee approves the final draft. Paternity Benchbook to be posted and made available to all Judicial Officers
6. Next meeting: Members of the committee agreed to meet again and approve forms and paternity benchbook for posting, in person on Friday, April 30th 2026 from 11:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. in person.
7. Ongoing Schedule: The committee has accomplished all standing tasks. The committee will alter its schedule to meet quarterly using the following schedule: Last Friday of the month on January, April, July, and October @ 11:00 via Zoom. When significant changes are needed, rather than maintenance, the committee will reassess this.

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