

Protection Order Committee  
Judicial Conference of Indiana

**Remote via Teams**

**MINUTES**

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*January 24, 2025*

**12:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

1. Attendance: Hon. Jonathan Brown; Mag. Michael Douglass; Mag. Melinda Jackman-Hanlin; Hon. Kristina Kantar; Hon. Mary Margaret Lloyd; Hon. Patricia McMath; Hon. Kristen McVey; Mag. Katie Melnick; Chris Nancarrow; Mag. Julie Verheye, Chair  
Staff: Melissa Arvin, Carl Cowan, Tom Jones, Annette Page
2. Minutes for October 2024 approved.
3. Legislative Session: There are only two bills at the moment that relate to protection orders. Senate Bill 156 discusses protection orders and employment. House Bill 1567 adds duties to law enforcement officers regarding protection order assistance. Legislation will continue to be watched to see if any other bills related to protection orders appear.
4. Best practices regarding courts and protection order advocates: Many members have some issues with protection order advocates and their activities in court. Some attorneys have alleged that advocates are advising parties incorrectly and there are problems with filling out forms—requesting relief that parties did not know about, etc. Ms. Arvin and Mag. Verheye will be setting up communication and meeting with ICADV on the issues with the legal advocates.
5. Update from IOCT on Forms in INCite/POR: IOCT has added a new contractor for the POR hoping that this will move things along faster in updating the forms. IOCT will update when the forms and development are updated. Attorneys being able to enter the appearance after pro se parties will be possible in the next update as soon as it is completed.
6. Meeting dates and times (usually 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of month):  
February 28, 2025  
March 28, 2025  
April 25, 2025  
May 23, 2025  
June 27, 2025

August 22, 2025

October 24, 2025

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*March 28, 2025*

**12:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

1. Roll call and approval of January 2025 minutes
2. Legislative Session Update including HB1626 on child custody
3. N.B. v. L.B. Appellate Opinion
4. AI Translation for Protection Orders
5. NCJFCJ Guide on Civil Protection Orders
6. Update from IOCT on Forms in INCite/POR
7. Meeting dates and times (usually 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of month):
  - April 25, 2025
  - May 23, 2025
  - June 27, 2025
  - August 22, 2025
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*April 25, 2025*

**12:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

1. Attendance: Hon. Kristina Kantar; Hon. Bruce MacTavish; Mag. Melinda Jackman-Hanlin; Mag. Katie Melnick; Mag. Julie Verheye, Chair; Hon. Tricia McMath, Mag. Marci Harper, Hon. Jonathan Brown  
Staff: Tom Jones, Melissa Arvin, Carl Cowan, Annette Page
2. January 2025 minutes are approved.
3. Spring Judicial Conference Session and Firearm Surrender Procedures: This session was well received. One judge from Vigo County expressed concern about the waiting period between the order to surrender and the actual surrender to law enforcement. The judge advised their law enforcement go out with the respondent immediately to obtain any firearms. Discussion was had with the committee that the current process of allowing a defined period of time for respondents to surrender firearms is best practice and is endorsed by law enforcement agencies. Additionally, most law enforcement agencies have expressed concerns about that type of procedure in terms of officer safety and endorse the surrender process used by the vast majority of counties in Indiana.
4. Legislative Session Update including HB1626 on child custody: Legislation noted for those judges who also hear family law cases in conjunction with PO cases. HB1137 will impact PO expungements but no other legislation on protection orders has been noted.
5. N.B. v. L.B. Appellate Opinion: Court of Appeals opinion discussed by the committee.
6. AI Translation for Protection Orders: Discussion was held regarding how AI could assist with the translation of protection orders. The committee endorsed exploring the option of how AI could benefit the current pilot process.
7. NCJFCJ Guide on Civil Protection Orders: Noted and sent to all the committee members.

8. Update from IOCT on Forms in INCite/POR: IOCT advised the updates to the forms and the new juvenile PO form should be available mid-May after development and testing.
9. Meeting dates and times (usually 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of month):
  - June 27, 2025
  - August 22, 2025
  - October 24, 2025

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*June 27, 2025*

**12:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

1. Attendance: Magistrate Julie Verheye, Chair; Hon. Jon Brown; Hon. Kristina Kantar; Mag. Marci Harper; Mag. Melinda Jackman-Hanlin; Hon. Patricia McMath; Bernadette Manuel  
Staff: Annette Page; Tom Jones; Melissa Arvin
2. No-Contact Order End Dates Discussion: With regards to a complaint from a judge regarding the mandatory end date issue, the Committee engaged in further discussion as to how to handle this issue balancing defendant's rights, accuracy of the court record and public safety concerns. Many options were discussed throughout the course of the meeting but due to the lack of a quorum, no vote was taken and the issue was tabled to the next meeting.

Next Meeting Dates:

August 22, 2025

October 24, 2025