In the
Indiana Supreme Court

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INDIANA SUPREME COURT
COURT OF APPEALS
AND TAX COURT

IN THE MATTER OF THE	)	
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APPROVAL OF LOCAL RULES	)	Case No. 88S00-1312-MS- 914
	)	
FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY	)	

ORDER APPROVING AMENDED LOCAL RULES

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

Upon examination of the proposed rule amendments requested by the Washington Circuit and Superior Courts, this Court finds that the proposed rule amendments, LR88-CR2.2-1 and LR88-AR01-9 comply with the requirements of Ind. Administrative Rule 1(E), and, accordingly, should be approved and posted in the county clerk's office(s) and on the county clerk's website, if any, and on the Indiana Judicial Website.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by this Court that amended Local Rules LR88-CR2.2-1 and LR88-AR01-9 for Washington Circuit and Superior Courts, set forth as attachments to this Order, are approved effective January 1, 2014. The Clerk of this Court is directed to forward a copy of this Order to the Hon. Larry Medlock, Washington Circuit Court, 99 Public Square, #200, Salem, IN 47167-2098; the Hon. Frank Newkirk, Jr., Washington Superior Court, 801 Jackson Street, Salem, IN 47167-1218; to the Clerk of the Washington Circuit and Superior Courts; and to the Division of State Court Administration. The Clerk is also directed to post this Order on the Court's website.

The Clerk of the Washington Circuit and Superior Courts is directed to enter this Order and attachment in the Record of Judgments and Orders for the Courts, to post this Order and attachment for examination by the Bar and the general public, and if available, to publish this Order and attachment on the county clerk's website.

DONE at Indianapolis, Indiana, on 12-20, 2013.

Brent E. Dickson
Chief Justice of Indiana

LR88-AR01-9 – CASELOAD ALLOCATION

Pursuant to Administrative Rule1E, the Clerk of the Washington County Circuit and Superior Courts shall assign cases as follows beginning January 1, 2014:

Superior Court

Unless filed in Circuit Court at the request of the Plaintiff/Petitioner

1. All Pro Se Civil matters
2. All Pro Se Dissolutions
3. Criminal Actions INVOLVING:
   Alcohol, Drugs, Non-Support of Dependents,
   Fraud, Forgery, Check Deception, Robbery,
   Burglary, Residential Entry, Conversion, Theft,
   Receiving Stolen Property, Resisting Law Enforcement,
   Vehicular Offences
4. Protective Orders involving parties in an existing Superior Court
   Dissolution or separation case
5. Approximately one half of *pro se* Small Claims cases, assigned by an alternating or other
   random system to be implemented by the Clerk
6. Attorneys may designate Court in:
   a. Civil Matters, including Small Claims
   b. Dissolutions and Separation Actions

Circuit Court

1. All Adoptions
2. All Mental Health Matters
3. All Juvenile Matters
4. All Paternity Actions
5. All Infractions, including vehicular
6. All Petitions for Hardship Driver's License
7. All Guardianships and Estates
8. All Mortgage Foreclosure Matters
9. Criminal Actions NOT designated for filing in Superior Court under this Rule
10. All Protective Orders which are not required to be filed in Superior Court
11. Approximately one half of *pro se* Small Claims cases, assigned by an alternating or other
    random system to be implemented by the Clerk
12. Attorneys may designate Court in:
    a. Civil Matters, including Small Claims
    b. Dissolutions and Separation Actions

LR88-CR2.2-1 – CRIMINAL CASE ASSIGNMENT

All criminal cases containing any of the following counts shall be assigned to the Washington Superior Court

A. Alcohol Offense
B. Burglary
C. Check Deception
D. Controlled Substance Offense
E. Conversion
F. Forgery
G. Fraud
H. Non-support of a Dependent
I. Receiving Stolen Property
J. Residential Entry
K. Resisting Law Enforcement
L. Robbery
M. Theft
N. Vehicular Offenses

All other criminal cases and all infractions shall be assigned to the Washington Circuit Court.

(Amended effective July 1, 2011)