

**STATE OF INDIANA – COUNTY OF BARTHOLOMEW
IN THE BARTHOLOMEW CIRCUIT AND SUPERIOR COURTS**

**Notice of Proposed New Rule or Amendment(s) to Local Court Rule(s)
April 2, 2025**

In accordance with Trial Rule 81 of the Indiana Court Rules, the Bartholomew Circuit and Superior Courts hereby give notice to the bar and the public that the Courts propose to amend the Local Rule(s) on April 2, 2025 for the courts of record of Bartholomew County, effective July 1, 2025. All new text is shown by underlining and deleted text is shown by ~~striketrough~~.

The time period for the bar and the public to comment shall begin on April 7, 2025, and shall close on May 7, 2025. The proposed amendments to the rule will be adopted, modified or rejected before July 1, 2025, and, if required, the final version of the rule will be submitted to the Indiana Supreme Court for review and approval not later than June 1, 2025.

Comments by the bar and the public should be made in writing and mailed, or emailed, to:

Hon. James D. Worton, Judge of the Bartholomew Superior Court 1, Attn: Public Comment on Local Rules, Bartholomew County Courthouse, 234 Washington Street, Columbus, Indiana; or jworton@bartholomew.in.gov.

A paper copy of the proposed amended local rule(s) will be made available for viewing in the office of the Clerk of Bartholomew County, Bartholomew County Courthouse, 234 Washington Street, Columbus, Indiana during normal business hours. A copy of the proposed amendments will be provided to the officers of the Bartholomew County Bar Association. Persons with Internet access may view the proposed amended local rules at the following websites:

<http://www.bartholomew.in.gov/clerk> or <http://www.courts.IN.gov/rules/local>

_____/s/_____
James D. Worton, Judge
Bartholomew Superior Court 1

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY INDIANA LOCAL COURT RULES

Adopted on January 1, 2007; Amended July 1, 2008, January 1, 2009, July 1, 2010, January 1, 2013, January 15, 2014, July 1, 2014, October 10, 2014; February 1, 2016; July 18, 2016; January 1, 2017; June 1, 2017, July 1, 2018; April 1, 2019; February 1, 2022; July 31, 2023;

PREFACE

Pursuant to Rule 81(A) of the Indiana Rules of Trial Procedure, the courts of Bartholomew County hereby adopt the following local rules. These rules are intended to be supplemental to the Indiana Rules of Trial Procedure and other statewide rule sets and are not intended to be inconsistent with, nor duplicative of, any statewide rule.

Pursuant to Rule 81(H) of the Indiana Rules of Trial Procedure, if the interests of justice so require, these local rules may be waived, suspended, or modified in an individual case by the Court upon its own motion or the motion of counsel for one of the parties.

Pursuant to Rule 2.2 of the Indiana Rules of Criminal Procedure, the courts of Bartholomew County hereby adopt the following local rules pertaining to the assignment of criminal cases.

Pursuant to Rule 15 of the Indiana Administrative Rules, the courts of Bartholomew County hereby adopt the following local rules pertaining to court reporters.

Out of convenience to interested parties, the local rules are numbered in accordance with the Indiana Rules of Trial Procedure, Indiana Rules of Criminal Procedure, and the Indiana Administrative Rules. Additionally, the local rules appear in the table of contents underneath the specific statewide rule to which they relate followed by a page number. If there is a supplementary local rule that is related to a statewide rule set, but not a specific statewide rule, the local rule will appear in the table of contents at the beginning of the section containing the statewide rule set.

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LOCAL COURT RULES**

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LR03-TR3.1-1: Leave to Withdraw Appearance.

- (A) **Motion to Withdraw.** In all cases, except criminal involving the appointment of a public defender, and IV-D Child Support cases involving the appointment of a public defender, attorneys must file a Motion for Leave to Withdraw Appearance in compliance with TR 3.1. ~~within forty-five (45) days in all criminal and civil cases. All withdrawals of an appearance must be made in the form of a motion filed with the Court. Permission to withdraw is at the discretion of the Court.~~
- ~~(B) — **Form of Motion.** Motions for leave to withdraw appearance must indicate the client's address in the Certificate of Service and Proposed Order.~~
- ~~(C) — **Client Notification.** An attorney must give his client 10 days written notice of his intention to withdraw unless:~~
- ~~(1) Another attorney has filed an appearance for the same party; or~~
- ~~(2) The withdrawing attorney indicates in the motion that he or she has been terminated by the client.~~
- ~~(D) — **Rules of Professional Conduct.** All withdrawals of appearance shall comply fully with the provisions of the Rules of Professional Conduct.~~
- ~~(E)~~(B) Failure to conform to this rule may result in the denial of the motion to withdraw as counsel. The Court, in its discretion, may decide to grant the motion notwithstanding an attorney's failure to comply with this rule.

LR03-TR5-1: General Provisions Regarding Filing Documents.

- (A) **Filings by Attorneys:** All filings of pleadings, motions and other documents by attorneys must comply with the e-filing procedures, the requirements of Indiana Rule of Trial Procedure 86 and must be compliant with all requirements of e-filing procedures pursuant to Indiana Rule of Trial Procedure 87.
- (B) **Filings by Unrepresented Litigants:**

- (1) All filing of pleading, motions and other documents must comply with the Indiana Rules of Trial Procedure. If E-Filing is used, all filings must be compliant with the E-Filing procedures pursuant to Indiana Rules of Trial Procedure 86 and 87.
- (2) Every unrepresented litigant shall sign his own pleading or motion and state his address and e-mail address (See Trial Rule 11).
- (C) **Signature Required for Filing:** If it is later discovered that a nonconforming pleading, motion or document has inadvertently been accepted by the Clerk of Court, or e-filed, upon the discovery, the pleading, motion or document may be stricken from the record at the Court's discretion.

LR03-TR5-2: Special Provisions Regarding Filing Documents.

- (A) **Special Judge.** When a special judge is selected, a copy of all pending pleadings, motions, and other documents must be mailed or delivered to the office of the special judge with a certificate of forwarding attached and made a part of the original papers. All proposed orders must be forwarded to the special judge as well.
- (B) **Filing by Mail.** When pleadings, motions, or other documents are sent by mail for filing with the Court, the filing attorney or party must include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for the return of documents to the attorney or party. If there are any deficiencies in the pleading, motion, or documents that precludes filing, the Clerk is not responsible for such deficiencies. The Clerk and the Court are under no obligation to inform the filing attorney or party of any deficiencies or to correct any deficiencies.
- (C) **Filing by E-File.** Pleadings, motions, or other documents that are E-Filed must follow all requirements of Indiana Rules of Trial Procedure 86 and 87.
- (D) **Filing by Facsimile Transmission.** Pleadings, motions, or other papers may not be filed by facsimile transmission unless specifically authorized by the Court.
- (E) **Case Numbers.** Except for the initial pleading (Complaint, etc.), no pleadings shall be accepted by the Clerk or the Court unless it has a Case Number placed prominently on the face of the pleading.

LR03-TR 5-3: Filings Requiring Immediate Action. If the motion, pleading, or document is e-filed, the party shall notify the Court by phone in the event that immediate action is requested.

LR03-TR5-4: Alternative Service - Courthouse Boxes.

- (A) **Courthouse Boxes.** Any Bartholomew County attorney or any Bartholomew County law firm may, without charge, maintain an assigned Courthouse box in the Bartholomew County Courthouse for receipt of notices, pleadings, process, orders, or other communications from the Bartholomew County Courts, the Clerk, and other attorneys or law firms which use this service. If a Bartholomew County attorney or law firm declines to consent to receiving service by Courthouse boxes from other attorneys or Courts, then they may not use the boxes to serve other attorneys.
- (B) **How Assigned.** Such Courthouse boxes shall be assigned only after such attorney or law firm has filed with the Circuit Court a Consent to Alternate Service (Form A). Bartholomew Circuit Court shall be responsible for assigning boxes and maintaining a file of consents and of revocations of consents to alternate service.
- (C) **Effect of Consent.** Deposits made in any assigned box of notices, pleadings, process, orders, or other communications made shall be deemed to constitute and be accepted as service equivalent to service by first class mail under Trial Rule 6(E).
- (D) **Limitations on Firm Use.** Members of law firms must all agree to Courthouse box service. If one member of the firm declines to accept service by Courthouse box method, then no other members of that firm may accept service utilizing the Courthouse box.
- (E) **Revocation of Consent.** Consent to Alternate Service under this rule shall remain valid until a written revocation has been filed with the Bartholomew Circuit Court.

LR03-TR7-1: Procedure Following Agreed Continuances.

- (A) If the parties agree to the continuance, the parties shall initiate a conference call with the court reporter for the purpose of reaching an agreed date for the hearing/trial.
- (B) If a party is unavailable or uncooperative with arranging the conference call, the Court may proceed to set a date, and may bind the parties to that date.

LR03-TR9.2-15: New Civil Collection (CC) Filings.

- (A) All new Civil Collection (CC) cases filed in any Bartholomew County court must include the following as either attachments or exhibits to the CC complaint:
- (1) A clear and legible copy of the contract or other written instrument on which the claim is based in a font size that can be easily read;
 - (2) If plaintiff is not the original creditor, all notices of assignment or transfer indicating plaintiff is the proper successor to the original creditor;
 - (3) An Affidavit of Debt that complies with and follows the requirements Indiana Rule of Trial Procedure 9.2. The Affidavit of Debt must separately include the outstanding principal amount of the account, the amount of any interest owed, the amount of any late fees owed, the amount of any attorney fees plaintiff is requesting and the amount of any other charges plaintiff contends are owed;
 - (4) Account statements showing purchases and payments within six (6) years of the date of filing the complaint. The court does not include late or over limit fees in the definition of purchases; and
 - (5) An Affidavit establishing and verifying the defendant is not a member of one of the branches of the United States Military. The Affidavit should include an attachment from the United States Department of Defense indicating the defendant is not a member of the United States Military.
 - (6) Additionally, plaintiff must comply with the requirements of Indiana Supreme Court Administrative Rule 9 and Indiana Access to Court Records.

LR03-TR10-1: General Rules for the Format of Pleadings, Motions, & Papers. All pleadings, motions, and other documents filed with the Court shall comply with TR 10.

~~(A) — Paper Size, Line Spacing, and Margins. All pleadings, motions, and other documents filed with the Court which are to be retained by the Court must:~~

- ~~(1) Use white, opaque paper (except those filed on green paper to conform to Administrative Rule 9 and Indiana Access to Court Records);~~

~~(2) Use 8 1/2 by 11-inch paper;~~

~~(3) Be double-spaced in the main body of the text. Quotations may be single-spaced if they are indented. Headings and footnotes may be single-spaced;~~

~~(4) Have one-inch margins on all four sides. Page numbers may be placed in the margins, but no other text may appear there; and~~

~~(5) Include page numbers that are centered in the bottom margin of each page.~~

~~(B) — **File Stamp Space.** All pleadings that are not e-filed shall allow sufficient blank space to the right of the case title to allow the clerk to file stamp the pleading without stamping over the caption or case number. The space shall be a minimum of three inches in width and two and one-half inches in height. Pleadings that are e-filed shall allow sufficient empty space at the top right hand corner to allow the e-filing stamp.~~

~~(C) — **Type Styles.** Unless otherwise accepted by a judicial officer based on a pleading, motion or other paper filed with the Court being filed by an inmate from a jail, detention, or prison facility, all pleadings, motions, and other papers filed with the Court must be legibly printed in non-cursive or be typed using:~~

~~(1) A plain style font;~~

~~(2) 12-point font;~~

~~(3) Black-colored font; and~~

~~(4) Contain italics or underlines for case names or where otherwise appropriate according to the Uniform System of Citation. Italics and underlines may also be used for emphasis.~~

~~(D) — **Binding.** All pleadings, motions, and other documents not e-filed with the Court must:~~

~~(1) Be bound so that their pages appear in numerical order; and~~

~~(2) Be stapled or otherwise bound, as opposed to using a paperclip, in the upper-left hand corner.~~

LR03-TR10-2: Special Rules for the Format of Pleadings with Special Judge. If the case is before a special judge, all pleadings, motions, and other documents shall contain the following to the right of the case title: “BEFORE SPECIAL JUDGE _____.”

LR03-TR10-3: Prepared Entries. Entries (Orders) prepared by parties or their counsel are not to be placed on the same document as is the underlying Motion or Petition unless said underlying Motion or Petition is one page in length and the Entry can be placed on that same page. If the Entry cannot be placed on the one page, then said Entry is to be placed on a separate sheet of paper and captioned as an Order.

LR03-TR26-1: Notice to Court of Serving Discovery. In all CT cases, parties are required to file a “Notice of Discovery Requests” with the Court upon sending another party or entity Requests for Production, Interrogatories, or Requests for Admissions. The Notice of Discovery Requests shall state to whom the discovery request was sent and the date it was sent. It shall also specify the number of Interrogatories, number of Requests for Admission, or number of Requests for Production. The Notice of Discovery Requests shall be no more than one page in length.

LR03-TR26-2: Disclosure of Expert Testimony.

- (A) Each party shall disclose to other parties the identity of any person who may be used at trial to present evidence under Rules 702, 703, or 705 of the Indiana Rules of Evidence.
- (B) Except as otherwise stipulated or directed by the Court, this disclosure shall, with respect to a witness who is retained or specially employed to provide expert testimony in the case or whose duties as an employee of the party regularly involve giving expert testimony, be accompanied by a written report prepared and signed by the witness. The report shall contain a complete statement of all opinions to be expressed and the basis and reasons therefor; the data or other information considered by the witness in forming the opinions; any exhibits to be used as a summary of or support for the opinions; the qualifications of the witness, including a list of all publications authored by the witness within the preceding ten years; the compensation to be paid for the study and testimony; and a listing of any other cases in which the witness has testified as an expert at trial or by deposition within the preceding four years.

LR03-TR33-1: Interrogatory Limitations. A party may not submit more than forty (40) Interrogatories, including subparts, without obtaining permission from the Court.

LR03-TR40-1: Assigning Cases for Trial.

- (A) A case shall be assigned for trial and placed upon the trial calendar by the Court upon written request of a party and notice to all other parties. Except in Small Claims, such request must:
- (1) Contain the type of trial or hearing requested (e.g. jury trial, bench trial);
 - (2) Contain a good-faith estimate of the time needed for the trial or hearing; and
 - (3) State when it is expected that all parties will be prepared for trial.

LR03-TR40-2: Mediation Requirements in Civil Cases.

- (A) All Civil cases that will require more than two hours of trial time will be referred to mediation, unless written waiver is granted by the Court. In the event that the parties request a trial setting of two hours or less and the hearing has not concluded within the time allotted, then the Court shall recess the trial and refer the matter to mediation. In its discretion, the Court may hear the balance of the evidence without resort to mediation.
- (B) Mediation must be conducted pursuant to ADR Rule 2.7. All parties, their attorneys, representatives with settlement authority, and other individuals which the parties and the Mediator deem necessary for full resolution of disputed issues shall be physically present unless excused by the mediator or court.

LR03-TR40-3: Settlement and Removing the Case from the Docket. Counsel for the parties shall be responsible for notifying the appropriate Court immediately upon settlement of a case so that the docket can be cleared and a new case set therein.

~~LR03-TR53.5-1: General Requirements for Motions for a Continuance.~~

- ~~(A) — Scheduling Conflicts. See LR03-TR53.5-2(b).~~
- ~~(B) — Time. In order for a motion for a continuance to be considered by the Court, it must be filed:~~
- ~~(1) At least seven (7) days before the court trial or hearing to which the motion pertains, or~~

~~(2) At least 10 days before the jury trial to which the motion pertains; or~~

~~(3) As controlled by a pretrial conference order.~~

~~(C) — Information in Motion. Motions for a continuance shall contain the following information:~~

~~(1) The date and time of the hearing or trial for which a continuance is being sought;~~

~~(2) A good faith estimate of the time needed for such hearing or trial when rescheduled;~~

~~(3) The date and time opposing counsel was notified that the party would be seeking a continuance; and~~

~~(4) Whether opposing counsel agrees with or objects to the request.~~

~~(D) — Procedure for Agreed Continuances.~~

~~(1) If the parties agree to the continuance, the parties shall initiate a conference call with the court reporter for the purpose of reaching an agreed date for the hearing/trial.~~

~~(2) If the parties do not agree on the continuance, the motion shall so state and the matter will be forwarded to the Court for consideration. If granted by the Court, the party requesting the continuance shall initiate the conference call described in subsection (1) above.~~

~~(3) The foregoing provisions apply regardless of whether the parties are represented by counsel.~~

~~(4) If a party is unavailable or uncooperative with arranging the conference call, the Court may proceed to set a date, and may bind the parties to that date.~~

~~LR03-TR53.5-2: Exceptions to the General Requirements for Continuance Motions.~~

~~Conflicting Trials in Other Courts.~~ When counsel for a party requests a continuance because he or she has a conflicting trial scheduled in another court, the motion for a continuance must be filed within twenty-one (21) days after the case in this Court is set for trial or hearing. The

~~motion must also state the name and case number of the other case, as well as the date that the other court set the conflicting case for trial. Failure to comply with this rule may result in a denial of the motion for a continuance.~~

LR03-TR72-1: Court Hours.

- (A) **Normal Court Hours of Operation.** The Bartholomew County Courts are scheduled to be open to the public to conduct business Monday through Friday, legal holidays excluded, from 8:00 a.m. ~~until noon and from 1:00 p.m.~~ until 4:00 p.m. All direct filings with a Court are required to be filed no later than 3:30 p.m.
- (B) **Exceptions to Normal Court Hours.** When unforeseen circumstances occur or other matters arise, the judge of the Court may direct court closing for the day, or part of the day. The Court shall make a reasonable effort to notify litigants scheduled for court that day.

LR03-TR76-1: Assigning a Court for Cases Transferred to this County. Other than cases involving the selection of a special judge under LR03-TR79-1, the Clerk shall docket all transfer cases to one of the three Bartholomew County Court on an equal and rotating basis.

LR03-TR77-1: Costs for Obtaining Copies of any Document or Recording.

- (A) **Pleadings and Orders.** On the application of any person and pursuant to the Open Record laws, the Clerk of the Court shall make copies of any non-confidential pleading or order in the Clerk's custody at the expense of the person so requesting the same.
- (B) **Recordings.** On the application of any person, the court reporter of a Court shall make copies of any non-confidential recording in the court reporter's custody at the expense of the person so requesting the same. The person requesting a recording may be required to complete the public request forms in accordance with the public access laws.
- (C) **Payment in Advance.** All costs shall be paid in advance or at the time of receipt of the copied pleading or order. All costs shall be paid in advance for copied recordings.

LR03-TR77-2: Removal of Original Pleadings, Papers, and Records. No person shall withdraw any original pleading, paper, or record from the custody of the Clerk of the Court or other officer of the Court except upon the order of the judge of the Court.

~~**LR03-TR78-3 Judicial Officers.** For purposes of judicial economy in the Bartholomew County Courts, the judges of each Court (Circuit Court, Superior Court 1 and Superior Court 2) may informally consent and authorize any of the other judges, the Bartholomew Superior Court 2 Magistrate, the Circuit Court Juvenile Magistrate, the Circuit Court Commissioner, or the IV-D Commissioner, to exercise general jurisdiction over any and all cases in each other's courts including, the signing of any and all warrants, detention orders and emergency custody orders.~~

LR03-TR79-1: Selection of Special Judges.

- (A) In the event a special judge needs to be appointed, and the parties cannot agree to a special judge under Trial Rule 79 (D), or if the selected judge does not accept the case, then under Indiana Rule of Civil Procedure 79 (H), the clerk shall first assign the case to one of the other Bartholomew Court Judges on an equal and rotating basis, and if no Bartholomew County Judge is eligible to serve, then the following full time judicial officers shall be eligible for appointment by the Clerk of the Court on an equal and rotating basis:

- (1) Judge of the Brown Circuit Court;
- (2) Magistrate of the Brown Circuit Court;
- (3) Judge of the Decatur Circuit Court;
- (4) Judge of the Decatur Superior Court;
- (5) Magistrate of the Decatur County Courts;
- (6) Judge of the Jackson Circuit Court;
- (7) Judge of the Jackson Superior Court #1;
- (8) Judge of the Jackson Superior Court #2,
- (9) Judge of the Jennings Circuit Court;
- (10) Judge of the Jennings Superior Court; and
- (11) Magistrate of the Jennings County Courts.

- (B) All the Judges named above are within this Court's Administrative District Number 21. In the event a case is dismissed and refiled, the Judge last having jurisdiction in the dismissed case shall be the Judge in the new case.
- (C) A person selected and appointed to serve under this rule shall accept jurisdiction in the case unless disqualified pursuant to the Code of Judicial Conduct, ineligible for service under Trial Rule 79 or is excused from service by the Indiana Supreme Court.
- (D) If the judge selected to serve is disqualified or is excused from service, then the Clerk of Court shall appoint the next judge on the list. If no judge on the list is eligible to serve as special judge or the particular circumstances in the case so warrant, the then presiding judge in the case shall certify the matter to the Indiana Supreme Court for the appointment of a special judge pursuant to TR79(H)(3).

LR03-TR79-2: Forwarding of Materials to Special Judge. After a special judge has accepted jurisdiction, a copy of the Chronological Case Summary shall be mailed, e-mailed, or delivered to the office of that special judge by the Court, unless the special judge waives such delivery based upon access to Odyssey.

LR03-TR86-1: Electronic Filing. All filings shall comply with the Indiana Rules of Trial Procedure and shall adhere to the provisions and requirements of E-Filing.

LR03-TR00-TR-1: Pro Se Litigant Responsibilities

- (A) Litigants who represent themselves should present their case in the proper way. Litigants who represent themselves will be held to the same standards as practicing attorneys. The court and staff cannot assist litigants in a way that would put the other side at a disadvantage. The Court cannot talk to litigants about the case without the other party being present. In some cases, the Court cannot act upon letters from litigants. Any letter filed with the Court shall include the parties' names, the name of the court where the case is filed, the case number associated with the case, and shall comply with all other Local Rules.
- (B) The Court cannot teach litigants the rules of evidence or trial procedure because that would put the other side at a disadvantage. Litigants must follow the rules of evidence and trial procedure when a case is presented.
- (C) Likewise, it is the litigant's responsibility to be certain that the other party has notice about all court hearings and is served with all papers or documents the litigant files

with the court. It is also the litigant's responsibility to make certain that any witnesses the litigant wants to testify are notified of the hearing.

- (D) It is the Court's job to consider the testimony and evidence presented during a hearing, determine the facts of the case from that testimony and evidence, and then apply the law to those facts. In all cases, Courts may only consider testimony and evidence that is properly admitted according to the Indiana Rules of Evidence and the Indiana Rules of Trial Procedure. Further, the Court may only consider testimony and evidence that is relevant to the issues in the case.

LR03-TR00-TR-2: Agreed Judgments, Agreed Orders to Pay, Final Orders. All Agreed Judgments, Agreed Orders to Pay, Final Orders in Garnishment and Limited Final Orders in Garnishment, must provide, that all payments shall be made to the Bartholomew County Clerk, not to plaintiff's counsel or the judgment creditor.

FAMILY LAW RULES **Including Paternity, Guardianship, and Dissolution Cases**

LR03-TR00-FL-1: Witness and Exhibit Exchange. In all contested Family Law cases except for provisional hearings, counsel for the parties are to exchange names and addresses of all witnesses as well as actual copies of all exhibits at least seven (7) days prior to trial. They are further ordered to file the list of witnesses and exhibits with the Court at least seven (7) days prior to trial. Failure to include a witness or exhibit shall preclude the witness from testifying or the exhibit from being introduced, unless the Court waives such requirement for good case shown.

LR03-TR00-FL-2: Marital Balance Sheet Filing. In all contested Dissolution of Marriage cases, counsel for the parties are to file with the Court a marital balance sheet, including date-of-filing asset values and debt values, as well as a proposed property and debt division. Said documents are to be filed at least seven (7) days prior to trial. Failure to comply will result in the Court removing the case from the trial calendar and shall subject the non-complying party to sanctions. The Court may waive this requirement upon motion of either party, or on its own.

LR03-TR00-FL-3: Parenting Class Requirements.

- (A) All parents who are seeking custody or parenting time with their minor children in Dissolution of Marriage and Paternity actions may be required to attend a parenting class prior to the final hearing on the case. Said parenting class shall be determined or approved by the Court.

- (B) All attorneys who represent parties with minor children in Dissolution of Marriage or Paternity actions shall notify their client of this possible requirement within seven (7) days of entering their appearance in the case.

~~LR03-TR00-FL-4: Continuances. See LR03-TR53.5-1 & 2.~~

LR03-TR00-FL-5: General Principals.

- (A) **Ex Parte Temporary Restraining Orders.** Pursuant to Indiana Code 34-26-5 and Trial Rule 65(E), if a party files the appropriate affidavit and Motion For a Temporary Restraining Order, the Court will issue Orders as follows:
- (1) Dissipation of Assets - A Joint Order may be granted upon affidavit alleging an injury would result to the moving party if no immediate order were issued.
 - (2) Removal of Other Party From Residence - This request will be more likely to be granted when:
 - (a) There are specific allegations of past physical violence to the spouse;
 - (b) The person seeking TRO has moved from the marital residence and seeks other party restrained from new residence;
 - (c) Specific allegations that the person sought to be restrained moved from the marital residence at least 7 days prior to the filing of the request; or
 - (d) Other facts are present in which the Court can make a finding that in the best interests of the parties, they should not be residing together.
 - (3) Keep other Party from Place of Work - The Court may grant a Joint TRO keeping the both parties from coming to the other's place of work or contacting the other at their place of work upon allegations of fear of harassment.
 - (4) Keep Vehicle in Possession - This may be granted upon allegation of fear of removal and allegation that this was normally your vehicle to drive during marriage.

- (5) Keep Tangible Personal Property in Possession - This may be granted only to jointly keep parties from removing items from the marital residence.
- (6) Temporary Custody of Children -- This may only be granted in extremely extraordinary circumstances such as specific allegations of specific significant harm perpetrated by other party or neglect of the children. Such harm must rise to the level of prima facie abuse or neglect or be criminal in nature.
- (7) Removing Children from Jurisdiction - The Court may grant a Joint TRO prohibiting both parties from removing the children from the Court's jurisdiction upon allegations of fear of removal.

(B) Emergency Provisional Hearings. If a provisional hearing is set and the other party moves for a change of venue from the judge, the Court will consider that the matter is an emergency and the hearing will remain on the docket. The hearing will then be held in a bifurcated fashion and the party seeking the provisional order must show that an emergency exists. If there is no showing that an emergency exists, then the second part of the hearing will not take place. The Court will generally consider the need for support or maintenance as an emergency.

(C) Court Costs. If court costs are initially waived, they should be addressed at the Provisional Hearing and/or the Final Hearing.

(D) Required Language in Every Decree Involving Child Support.

(1) Tax Benefits – Orders involving tax benefits of children should contain the following language:

- (a) “(Custodial/Non-custodial) parent shall be entitled to claim (child(ren)’s name) for State and Federal tax benefit purposes for tax year (20XX) and each (odd/even) calendar year thereafter.
(Custodial/Non-custodial) parent shall be entitled to claim (child(ren)’s name) for State and Federal tax benefit purposes for tax year (20XX) and each (odd/even) calendar year thereafter, provided (he/she) is at least 95% current on her weekly child support obligation by January 31st of the following year. Child support obligations include any payments ordered for regular child support plus any payments ordered for an arrearage. The custodial parent shall execute and deliver to the non-custodial parent the necessary tax documents to comply with this order.”

- (b) The required language above may be modified to match what was ordered by the Court if it differs from the required language.
- (2) Payment of Child Support through Withholding Orders – Orders involving the payment of child support should contain the following language:
 - (a) “Child support shall be paid through an Income Withholding Order. Until an Income Withholding Order is put in place, cash payments for child support shall be made through the Bartholomew County Child Support Office; non-cash payments may be made by personal check, money order or cashier’s check by mailing such non-cash payments to the Indiana State Central Collection Unit (INSCCU at INSCCU, P.O. Box 7130, Indianapolis, Indiana 46207-7130. Such non-cash payments must be accompanied by a Child Support Payment Remittance Form, which can be found at www.INSCCU.com.”
 - (b) The required language above may be modified to match what was ordered by the Court if it differs from the required language.
- (E) **Separation Agreement Signature.** Separation Agreements should not have a line for the Judge to sign. The proposed Decree of Dissolution should contain language, which incorporates the Separation Agreement into the Decree.
- (F) **Higher Education - College Expenses.** The Court will generally look at the Child’s aptitude, and the parents and child’s ability to pay. Generally, the Court will not delineate higher educational contributions years in advance of attendance. Generally, Court will order contribution based upon in-state school expenses, regardless of which institution of higher education child is attending. Examples of exceptions to limiting contribution to instate costs are 1) where parents both attended a private or out-of-state school, 2) where siblings attended private or out-of-state school, 3) child has an extremely high aptitude, 4) where child has been promised private school or out-of-state school for years, and 5) where private school or out-of-state school offers classes not offered by in-state school and child intends to major in that area of concentration. Generally, the Court will order contribution for a maximum of four years if four years would normally be required for the degree. Generally, Court will order contribution based upon the net costs after subtracting out grants and scholarships that do not have to be paid back. The Court will generally start with a presumption that the child should pay circa twenty (20%) percent of the net costs and

that the parents should contribute pursuant to their percentage of earnings for the other eighty (80%) percent.

This presumption is general and can be influenced by availability of monies child has from other sources (grandparents' trust fund), parent not working because of subsequent marriage, the child's inability to work because of extracurricular activities, parents' overall level of income, precedent of the way parents' paid for older siblings higher education, etc.

- (G) **In Camera Interviews.** If the Court has an in camera interview with a child, the parties and attorneys are prohibited from discussing that interview with the child afterward.

LR03-TR00-FL-6: Guardianship Filings. Separate files with separate case numbers must be opened for each prospective ward.

LR03-TR00-FL-7: Overpayment of Child Support. When a child support obligor pays a greater amount of support than what is due, it is the responsibility of the obligor to notify the court having jurisdiction over the child support order, to request a repayment from the county clerk or the child support obligee. When child support is overpaid by reason of a tax refund intercept, account seizure, or other statutory or administrative capture, there is a rebuttable presumption that the overpayment was inadvertent and that the support obligor is entitled to the repayment of the overpaid amount.

RULES SUPPLEMENTING INDIANA RULES OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

LR03-CR00-BOND-1: General Provisions for Bonds.

- (A) **Bond Schedule.** Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, the following shall be the cash amounts set for the bail bonds:

Charge Bond	Amount
Class C Misdemeanors	\$2,500.00
Class B Misdemeanors	\$3,500.00
Class A Misdemeanors	\$5,000.00
Level 6 Felony	\$7,500.00
Class D Felony	\$10,000.00
Level 5 Felony or Class C Felony for HTV	\$15,000.00
Class C Felony other than HTV	\$25,000.00
Level 4 Felony	\$40,000.00

Level 3 Felony or Class B Felony	\$75,000.00
Level 2 Felony	\$100,000.00
Level 1 Felony or Class A Felony	\$150,000.00
Murder	NO BOND

- (B) All bonds may be posted in full in cash or ten (10%) percent in cash of the full amount. In the event that an arrest is made without a warrant signed by a judge endorsing a specific bond, the charts above shall establish the bond for the preliminary charge. In the event that the individual is arrested on more than one preliminary charge, the bond shall be set in the amount of bond for the most serious offense.
- (C) In the event that the arresting officer believes that the above schedule is not appropriate for a specific arrest based upon facts known to the officer or surrounding circumstances, the officer may complete an affidavit in a form substantially conforming to the form attached hereto (Form B) and provide it to the Sheriff's Department and the Sheriff is authorized to hold such arrestee until the sooner of forty-eight (48) hours ~~(excluding weekends and holidays)~~ or until further order of a Judge.

LR03-CR00-DISCOVERY-1: Reciprocal Pre-Trial Discovery.

- ~~(A) — **How Made.** In all criminal cases, mandatory reciprocal pre-trial discovery must be furnished by the State within thirty (30) days of the date of the earlier of the omnibus date or the appearance by an attorney on behalf of the defendant and the defendant's pre-trial discovery must be made within thirty (30) days after the State's production. However, in cases involving the appointment of a public defender, the thirty (30) day time frame shall begin upon the State receiving the notice of appointment of the public defender instead of filing of appearance.~~
- ~~(B) — **State's Mandatory Obligations.** The State must furnish the following to the defendant or the attorney for the defendant as though a Request for Production was filed:~~
- ~~(1) The names and last known addresses of persons whom the State may call as witnesses, together with their relevant written or recorded statements;~~
 - ~~(2) Any written or recorded statements and the substance of any oral statements made by the accused or by a co-defendant, and a list of any witnesses to the making or acknowledgment of such statements;~~

- ~~(3) Any reports or statements of experts, made in connection with the particular case, including the results of physical or mental examinations and of scientific tests, experiments or comparisons;~~
- ~~(4) Any books, papers, documents, photographs or tangible objects which the prosecuting attorney intends to use in the hearing, or trial, or which were obtained from or belong to the accused;~~
- ~~(5) Any record of prior criminal convictions which may be used for impeachment of the persons whom the State intends to call as witnesses at the hearing or trial;~~
- ~~(6) The terms of any agreements made with co-defendants or other State's witnesses to secure their testimony; and~~
- ~~(7) Any material or information within the State's possession that tends to negate the guilt of the accused as to the offense charged or would tend to reduce the defendant's punishment.~~

~~(C) — Defendant's Mandatory Obligations.~~ The defendant must furnish to the State the following materials as though a Request for Production was filed:

- ~~(1) The names and last known addresses of the persons whom the defendant intends to call as witnesses along with their relevant written or recorded statements, and any record of prior criminal convictions of such witnesses, if known;~~
- ~~(2) Any books, papers, documents, photographs, or tangible objects the defendant intends to use as evidence or for impeachment at hearing or trial; and~~
- ~~(3) Medical, scientific, or expert witness evaluations, statements, reports, or testimony, which may be used at hearing or trial.~~

~~(D) — Defendant's Obligations upon Request of the State.~~ Upon request by the State, the defendant must, subject to constitutional and statutory limitations:

- ~~(1) Appear in a line-up;~~

- ~~(2) Speak for identification by witnesses to an offense;~~
- ~~(3) Be fingerprinted;~~
- ~~(4) Pose for photos not involving reenactment of a scene;~~
- ~~(5) Try on an article of clothing;~~
- ~~(6) Permit samples of blood, hair, or other body , which involve no unreasonable intrusion;~~
- ~~(7) Provide a sample of the defendant's handwriting; and~~
- ~~(8) Submit to a reasonable physical or medical inspection of the defendant's body. Whenever the defendant is required for the foregoing purposes, reasonable notice shall be given by the State to the defendant and defendant's counsel, who shall have a right to be present.~~

LR03-CR00-PLEA AGREEMENTS-1 – Deadlines.

- (A) A “Plea Agreement” is defined as an offer by the State to the defendant that sets parameters on the sentence that the Court can impose if accepted by the defendant and approved by the Court.
- (B) A “Plea Offer” is defined as an offer by the State to the defendant that dismisses certain Counts and/or cases, or reduces the charge to a lesser-included offense.
- (C) The State shall notify the defendant in writing, no later than fourteen (14) days after discovery is sent of any plea agreement or plea offer being made to the defendant.
- (D) Counsel for the defendant shall notify the defendant of each plea offer extended to the defendant.
- (E) The Court may not accept a plea agreement or plea offer after the plea hearing date, as the purpose for scheduling a plea hearing date is to schedule a final court date for a plea agreement or plea offer to be accepted by the Court, and if the case is not resolved in such a manner at the plea hearing date, all parties are put on notice that the case will proceed with a trial.

~~**LR03-CR00-INITIAL HEARING-1 Waivers.** In all C Felony or higher cases, all Level 5 or higher cases, and all driving felony cases, the defendant is ordered to be present at the initial hearing. In all other D felony, Level 6, and misdemeanor cases the defendant is required to be present at the initial hearing unless a Waiver is filed, signed by the defendant and his attorney.~~

LR03-CR00-LATE PAYMENTS-1 - Additional Fee.

(A) Any defendant found to have:

- (1) Committed a crime;
- (2) Violated a statute defining an infraction;
- (3) Violated an ordinance of a municipal corporation; or
- (4) Committed a delinquent act; AND

(B) The defendant is required to pay:

- (1) Court costs (including fees);
- (2) a fine; or
- (3) A civil penalty; AND

(C) The defendant is not determined by the Court imposing the court costs, fine, or civil penalty to be indigent; AND

(D) The defendant fails to pay to the clerk the costs, fine, or civil penalty in full before the later of the following:

- (1) The end of the business day on which the Court enters the conviction or judgment; or
- (2) The end of the period specified in a payment schedule set for the payment of court costs, fines, and civil penalties under rules adopted for the operation of the Court; THEN

- (E) The defendant shall pay an additional \$25.00 fee pursuant to IC 33-37-5-22 and the Clerk of the Court shall collect the late payment fee.

LR03- CR00-ALCOHOL AND DRUG PROGRAM FEES-1.

- (A) The Judges of the Bartholomew County Courts set the following schedule of fees pursuant to the authority granted by IC 12-23-14-16. The alcohol and drug program fee in misdemeanor and felony cases will be \$400.00.
- (B) All Court Alcohol and Drug Program Fees are payable to Clerk of the Court.

~~LR03-CR2.1-1: Leave to Withdraw Appearance.~~

- ~~(A) — **Motion to Withdraw.** In all cases, except criminal cases involving the appointment of a public defender, and IV-D Child Support cases involving the appointment of a public defender, attorneys must file a Motion for Leave to Withdraw Appearance within forty-five (45) days in all criminal and civil cases. All withdrawals of an appearance must be made in the form of a motion filed with the Court. Permission to withdraw is at the discretion of the Court.~~
- ~~(B) — **Form of Motion.** Motions for leave to withdraw appearance must indicate the client's address in the Certificate of Service and Proposed Order.~~
- ~~(C) — **Client Notification.** An attorney must give his client ten (10) days written notice of his intention to withdraw unless:~~
- ~~(1) Another attorney has filed an appearance for the same party; or~~
- ~~(2) When the withdrawing attorney indicates in the motion that he or she has been terminated by the client.~~
- ~~(D) — Failure to conform to this rule may result in the denial of the motion to withdraw as counsel. The Court, in its discretion, may decide to grant the motion notwithstanding an attorney's failure to comply with this rule.~~
- ~~(E) — **Rules of Professional Conduct.** All withdrawals of appearance shall comply fully with the provisions of the Rules of Professional Conduct.~~

LR03-CR2.2-2: Problem-Solving Court Specialized Court Fees.

- (A) Pursuant to the Judicial Conference of Indiana Problem-Solving Court Rules, Section 16, adopted June 16, 2011 and amended with an effective date of April 1, 2018, the Judges of Bartholomew County Problem-Solving Courts may impose a range of fees for necessary and appropriate intervention services, including but not limited to the following:
- (1) Screening for treatment eligibility and other appropriate services;
 - (2) Assessment;
 - (3) Education;
 - (4) Referral to services; and Service coordination and case management.
- (B) The fees shall be as follows:
- (1) \$100.00 felon/\$50.00 misdemeanor administration fee, due at the time of entrance into the program (at the signing of the participant agreement); and
 - (2) A monthly user fee not to exceed \$50, commencing in the second month of participation and for each month thereafter for the duration of participation in the problem-solving court.
- (C) Participants must pay all user fees in full prior to successful discharge from the program unless otherwise specified in the case plan or by the Court. Fees shall be collected and utilized in accordance with I.C. §33-23-16-23.

RULES SUPPLEMENTING THE INDIANA ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Preamble

In all cases, the Court shall proceed pursuant to these Rules unless the Court directs a longer retention period after motion by any party or on its own motion.

LR03-AR1-1: ~~Rule 1-~~ Caseload Plan.

(A) **General Rules for Assignment of Criminal Cases.**

~~(1) Class D and Level 6 Felony Possession of Controlled Substance Offenses. The clerk shall docket all class D and Level 6 felony possession of controlled substance offenses with the Circuit Court, Superior Court 1 and Superior Court 2 in an equal and rotating basis.~~

~~(2)~~(1) Superior Court 2. The following types of cases shall be docketed with Superior Court 2:

- (a) All class D, C, B, and Level 6, 5, 4, and 3 felonies related to driving offenses;
- (b) All classes of misdemeanors; and
- (c) All classes of infractions.

~~(3)~~(2) Circuit and Superior Court 1. The clerk shall docket the following with the Circuit Court and Superior Court 1 in an equal and rotating basis:

- (a) All Class A-D and Level 1-6 felonies, ~~(except Class D and Level 6 felony possession of controlled substance offenses those specifically denoted to be filed otherwise in sections (A)(1) and (A)(3) as set forth in (A) above), and except those specifically denoted to be filed in Superior Court 2); and~~ and

~~(b)~~ All murder, including capital offenses.

~~(4)~~(3) Domestic Violence Cases. All Class D and Level 6 felony Domestic Battery, Strangulation, Confinement, and Intimidation cases shall be filed in Circuit Court, Superior Court 1, and Superior Court 2 in an equal and rotating basis.

~~(4) Seizure of Firearms cases (RF), shall be filed between the Bartholomew County Courts on an equal and rotating basis.~~

(5) Defendants with Multiple Actions. Notwithstanding all other provisions of this Rule LR03-CR2.2-1:

(a) When a defendant has a criminal case pending against them in Circuit or Superior Court 1, during the pendency of that case, all subsequent criminal actions filed against that defendant shall be assigned to the court where the initial case was assigned.

~~(b)~~ (b) When a defendant has a criminal case or cases pending in Superior Court 2, all subsequent criminal actions for misdemeanors and Level 6 felony cases shall be assigned to Superior Court 2 during the pendency of that case or cases.

~~(c)~~ (c) For purposes of this section, a case is no longer pending once sentencing has taken place. However, if a Petition to Revoke probation is filed on a defendant, the criminal case is again considered pending and any subsequent new criminal charge shall follow the above guidelines until disposition of the Petition to Revoke probation.

(6) Co- Defendants. When two or more defendants are charged with felonies as the result of the same underlying set of facts, they shall all be charged in the same court.

(7) Charges Alleging violation of Protective Order. When a defendant is charged with violation of a Protective Order, those charges shall be filed in the court where the protective order was issued.

(8) Prosecutor's Knowledge of Potential Conflict. In the event the prosecutor has knowledge prior to the filing of a case that a judge should not receive a case because of a conflict, or for some other reason, the prosecutor may request the filing of a case in a specific court by making specific allegations in a written request filed at the time of filing said case. The judge of the Court in which the prosecutor seeks to file said case may approve this request.

(9) The above rules for the assignment of criminal cases may not be manually overridden by anyone without written permission from one of the Bartholomew County Judges.

(10) When the clerk docket criminal cases according to these rules, they shall docket each case according to the highest level of offense charged without taking into consideration the count number when there are multiple counts filed under a single criminal case. In addition, judges of two different courts

may mutually agree to transfer a criminal case from one of their courts to the other in order to ensure that the intent of these rules for assignment of criminal cases is not circumvented by the manner in which offenses are charged.

(B) Transfer of Criminal Cases. See LR03-AR21-1.

(C) Civil Case Filings.

- (1) Infraction cases (except for juvenile non-driving infractions) shall be filed in Superior Court 2.
- (2) Ordinance Violation cases shall be filed in Superior Court 2.
- (3) Juvenile Chins, Delinquents, Status, Termination, Miscellaneous, Juvenile Infractions (non-driving infractions), and Juvenile Ordinance Violation cases shall be filed in Circuit Court.
- (4) Civil Plenary, Reciprocal, Adoption, Estates, Guardianships, Trusts, CE and RA case types, and Miscellaneous Civil cases shall be filed between the Bartholomew County Courts on an equal and rotating basis, except that all MI cases filed by a governmental entity shall be filed in Circuit Court.
- (5) Civil Tort, Paternity, and Domestic Relations, including Grandparent Visitation cases, shall be filed between the three Bartholomew County Courts on an equal and rotating basis.
 - (a) This assignment rate applies unless there has been a protective order case involving the parties in another Bartholomew County Court. If a protective order has been filed in a Bartholomew County Court case involving two parties, any future DC, DN or JP case involving the same two parties shall be filed in the same Bartholomew County Court.
 - (b) Under Circuit Court's assignment only, Paternity and Domestic Relations cases shall be assigned as follows: Two-Thirds (2/3) of the cases shall be assigned to the Circuit Court Judge and one-third (1/3) of the cases to the Circuit Court Commissioner, on a rotating basis.

- (6) Mortgage Foreclosure cases shall be filed in Circuit or Superior 1 on an equal and rotating basis.
- (7) Civil Collection cases filed by a governmental entity shall be filed in Circuit. All other Civil Collection cases shall be filed on the following rotating percentage basis: Circuit Court, 15%, Superior Court 1, 35%, Superior Court 2, 50%.
- (8) Small Claim cases shall be filed in Superior Court 2.
- (9) Mental Health cases shall be filed in Superior Court 1.
- (10) Protective Order cases shall be filed between Superior Court 1, Circuit and Superior Court 2 Courts on an equal and rotating basis.
 - (a) This assignment rate applies unless there is a DC or JP case involving the parties in another Bartholomew County Court. If there is a DC or JP case involving the parties in another Bartholomew County Court, then the protective order case shall be filed in the court where the other DC or JP is filed, even if there is nothing pending in the DC or JP case.
 - (b) This assignment rate also applies unless there is a DN case where a dissolution decree has not been entered involving the parties in another Bartholomew County Court. If there is a DN case where a dissolution decree has not been entered involving the parties in another Bartholomew County Court, then the protective order case shall be filed in the court where the DN case is filed.
 - (c) If a protective order has been filed in a Bartholomew County Court case involving two parties, any future protective order case involving the same two parties shall be filed in the same Bartholomew County Court.
 - (d) All protective order cases where the respondent is a juvenile shall be filed in Circuit Court.
- (11) Specialized Driving Privilege MI cases shall be filed in Superior Court 2 unless statutorily required to be filed in Superior Court 1 or Circuit Court.

(12) Eviction cases (EV), whether filed as a small claims or civil matter, shall be filed in Superior Court 2.

(13) Seizure of Firearms cases (RF), shall be filed between the Bartholomew County Courts on an equal and rotating basis.

~~(13)~~(14) The above rules for the assignment of civil cases may not be manually overridden by anyone without written permission from one of the Bartholomew County Judges.

~~(14)~~(15) In the event of a conflict for Circuit Court, Superior Court 1 or Superior Court 2, the reassignment of the case shall follow the process outlined in LR03-~~TR76-1, CR13-1 (Transfer of Cases).~~

- (D) Notwithstanding the rules established in the Caseload Plan in LR03-AR1-1 Rule 1, if there are causes that contain a similar set of facts and/or similar parties, the judicial officers assigned the causes can, by mutually agreement, order the Clerk of Courts to transfer and/or assign the causes to one judicial officer for purposes of judicial economy. In general, the causes should be transferred and/or assigned to the judicial officer who was assigned the first cause that contains the similar set of facts and/or similar parties, unless agreed otherwise by the judicial officers assigned the causes.

LR03-AR21-2: Judicial Officers. For purposes of judicial economy in the Bartholomew County Courts, upon request, a judicial officer of a court of record within a county or district may serve as acting judge in accordance with Administrative Rule 1(E).~~the judges of each Court (Circuit Court, Superior Court 1 and Superior Court 2) may informally consent and authorize any of the other judges, the Bartholomew Superior Court 2 Magistrate, the Circuit Court Juvenile Magistrate, the Circuit Court Commissioner, or the IV-D Commissioner, to exercise general jurisdiction over any and all cases in each other's courts, including, the signing of any and all warrants, detention orders and emergency custody orders.~~

LR03-AR7-1: Evidence Handling, Retention and Destruction.

- (A) **Civil Cases, Including Adoption, Paternity, and Juvenile Proceedings.** All models, diagrams, documents, or material admitted in evidence or pertaining to the case placed in the custody of the court reporter as exhibits shall be taken away by the parties offering them in evidence, except as otherwise ordered by the Court, four (4) months after the case is decided unless an appeal is taken. If an appeal is taken, all such exhibits shall be retained by the court reporter for two (2) years from termination of the appeal, retrial, or subsequent appeal and termination, whichever is

later. The court reporter shall retain the mechanical or electronic records or tapes, shorthand or stenographic notes as provided in Indiana Administrative Rule 7.

- (B) Retention Periods for Evidence Introduced in Criminal Misdemeanor, Class D and Class C Felonies and Attempts. Misdemeanor, Class D and C Felonies and Attempts as well as Level 5 and 6.** All models, diagrams, documents, or material admitted in evidence or pertaining to the case placed in the custody of the court reporter as exhibits shall be taken away by the parties offering them in evidence except as otherwise ordered by the Court, three (3) years after the case is dismissed, the defendant is found not guilty, or the defendant is sentenced, unless an appeal is taken. If an appeal is taken, all such exhibits shall be retained by the court reporter for three (3) years from termination of the appeal, retrial, or subsequent appeal and termination, whichever is later, unless an action challenging the conviction or sentence, or post-conviction action, is pending. The court reporter shall retain the mechanical or electronic records or tapes, shorthand or stenographic notes as provided in Indiana Administrative Rule 7.
- (C) Retention Periods for Evidence Introduced in Criminal Class B and A Felonies and Murder Attempts.** Class B and A Felonies, Level 1, 2, 3 and 4, and Murder as well as Attempts. All models, diagrams, documents, or material admitted in evidence or pertaining to the case placed in the custody of the court reporter as exhibits shall be taken away by the parties offering them in evidence, except as otherwise ordered by the Court, twenty (20) years after the case is dismissed, the defendant found not guilty, or the defendant is sentenced, unless an appeal is taken. If an appeal is taken, all such exhibits shall be retained by the court reporter for twenty (20) years from termination of the appeal, retrial, or subsequent appeal and termination, whichever is later, unless an action challenging the conviction or sentence, or post-conviction action, is pending. The court reporter shall retain the mechanical or electronic records or tapes, shorthand or stenographic notes as provided in Indiana Administrative Rule 7. Courts should be encouraged to photograph as much evidence as possible and courts and parties reminded of the requirements of Appellate Rule 29(B).
- (D) Non-documentary and Oversized Exhibits.** Non-documentary and oversized exhibits shall not be sent to the Appellate level Court, but shall remain in the custody of the trial court or Administrative Agency during the appeal. Such exhibits shall be briefly identified in the Transcript where they were admitted into evidence. Photographs of any exhibit may be included in the volume of documentary exhibits. Under no circumstances should drugs, currency, or other dangerous or valuable items be included in appellate records.

- (E) **Notification and Disposition.** In all cases, the Court shall provide actual notice, by mail or through the Bartholomew County Courthouse mailbox system, to all attorneys of record and to parties if unrepresented by counsel, that the evidence will be destroyed by a date certain if not retrieved before that date. Counsel and parties have the duty to keep the Court informed of their current addresses and notice to the last current address shall be sufficient. Court reporters should maintain a log of retained evidence and scheduled disposition date and evidence should be held in a secure area. At the time of removal, the party receiving and removing the evidence shall give a detailed receipt to the court reporter, and the receipt will be made part of the court file. In all cases, the Court, or the sheriff on the Court's order, should dispose of evidence that is not retaken after notice.

The sheriff should be ordered to destroy evidence if its possession is illegal or if it has negligible value. The sheriff should auction evidence of some value with proceeds going to the county general fund. These Rules and their retention periods will take precedence over inconsistent language in statutes. I.C. 35-33-5-5(c)(2).

- (F) **Biologically Contaminated Evidence.** A party who offers biologically contaminated evidence must file a pretrial notice with the trial court and serve all the parties so that the Court can consider the issue and rule appropriately before trial. A party can show contaminated evidence or pass photographs of it to jurors, but no such evidence, however contained, shall be handled or passed to jurors or sent to the Jury Room unless specifically ordered by the Court.

LR03-AR9-1: Use of Mobile Phones and Other Electronic Devices.

- (A) There are possible exceptions in this rule contained in LR03-JC2.17-1.
- (B) Attorneys, the parties in cases before the Bartholomew County Courts and the public may bring their mobile phones and other electronic devices into the Bartholomew County Courthouse. Attorneys, the parties in cases before the Bartholomew County Courts and the public may also take their mobile phones and other electronic devices in the various Bartholomew County courtrooms. All mobile phones and other electronic devices must either be turned off or set to silent mode if taken into any Bartholomew County courtroom.
- (C) Attorneys, the parties before any Bartholomew County Court and the public shall not use their mobile phone or other electronic device to make, send, answer or respond to phone calls, text messages and email messages, or take photos or videos, if they are in a Bartholomew County courtroom while that court is in session. Attorneys, the

parties before any Bartholomew County Court and the public shall not use their mobile phone or other electronic device to check social media sites, post pictures or videos, notices, updates or other comments on social media sites, play games, watch videos, listen to music, “surf” the internet or conduct any type of internet search if they are in a Bartholomew County courtroom while that court is in session.

- (D) Pursuant to Rule 2.17 of the Indiana Code of Judicial Conduct and Indiana Supreme Court Administrative Rule 9(D)(4), attorneys, parties before any Bartholomew County Court and the public shall not use their mobile phone, or any other device, to make any type of video or audio recording of the proceeding before the court, the parties and the witnesses in that proceeding, the courtroom, the court staff and the judge, magistrate or commissioner of that court.
- (E) Attorneys, parties before any Bartholomew County Court and the public may not use their mobile phone, or any type of camera, to take pictures or video of the proceeding before the court, the parties and witnesses in the proceeding, the courtroom, the court staff or the judge, magistrate or commissioner of that court.
- (F) Failure to comply with this rule may result in the court taking possession of a mobile phone until the court is no longer in session or may result in a finding of contempt of court. Exceptions to this rule may be granted at the court’s discretion.

~~**LR03-AR11-1: Paper Size and Filing Requirements.** See LR03-TR10-1. Except as otherwise provided herein, all filings must comply with the e-filing procedures and the requirements of Indiana Rules of Trial Procedure 86 and 87, and the Indiana Court Access Rules.~~

LR03-AR12-1: Fax Filings. The Court does not accept facsimile filing unless specifically ordered under exceptional circumstances.

LR03-AR15-1: Rules Governing Court Reporters and County Employers.

- (A) **Salary.** A court reporter shall be paid an annual salary for time spent working under the control, direction, and direct supervision of the Court during all regular work hours and overtime hours. Each court, subject to the approval of the Bartholomew County Council, shall set the amount of salary. Such salary shall be based on a regular workweek of forty (40) hours.
- (B) **Overtime.** Whether to be paid overtime or credited with time off may be negotiated between the court reporter and the Court and is subject to the decision of the Court.

- (C) **Transcripts Prepared for Other Courts.** A court reporter may, at the request of another official court reporter, prepare transcripts for another court. Such preparation may not be done during regular workweek hours while at work.

LR03-AR15-2: Rules Governing Court Reporters and Private Employers.

- (A) **Definitions.** The following definitions shall apply under this local rule;

- (1) A court reporter is a person who is specifically designated by a court to perform the official court reporting services for the court including preparing a transcript of the record.
- (2) Equipment means all physical items owned by the court or other governmental entity and used by a court reporter in performing court reporting services. Equipment shall include, but not be limited to, telephones, computer hardware, software programs, disks, tapes, and any other device used for recording, storing and transcribing electronic data.
- (3) Work space means that portion of the court's facilities dedicated to each court reporter including, but not limited to, actual space in the courtroom and any designated office space.
- (4) Page means the page unit of transcript which results when a recording is transcribed in the form required by Indiana Rule of Appellate Procedure 7.2.
- (5) Recording means the electronic, mechanical, stenographic or other recording made as required by Indian Rule of Trial Procedure 74.
- (6) Regular hours worked means those hours which the court is regularly scheduled to work during any given work week.
- (7) Gap hours worked means those hours worked that are in excess of the regular hours worked but hours not in excess of forty (40) hours per work week.
- (8) Overtime hours worked means those hours worked that are in excess of forty (40) hours per work week.
- (9) Work week means a seven (7) consecutive-day week that consistently begins and ends on the same days throughout the year, i.e., Sunday through Saturday, Wednesday through Tuesday, and Friday through Thursday.

- (10) Court means the particular court for which the court reporter performs services. Court may also mean all of the courts in Bartholomew County.
- (11) County indigent transcript means a transcript that is paid for from County funds and is for the use on behalf of a litigant who has been declared indigent by a court.
- (12) State indigent transcript means a transcript that is paid for from State funds and is for the use on behalf of a litigant who has been declared indigent by a court.
- (13) Private transcript means a transcript including, but not limited to, a deposition transcript that is paid for by a private party.

(B) Salaries and Per-Page Fees.

- (1) Court reporters shall be paid an annual salary for time spent working under the control, direction, and direct supervision of their supervising court during any regular work hours, gap hours, or overtime hours. The supervising court shall enter into a written agreement with the court reporters which outlines the manner in which the court reporter is to be compensated and county reimbursed for use of equipment, if any.
- (2) The maximum per-page fee a court reporter may charge for the preparation of a county indigent transcript shall be \$5.50. The court reporter shall submit a claim directly to the county for the preparation of any county indigent transcripts.
- (3) The maximum per-page fee a court reporter may charge for the preparation of a State indigent transcript shall be \$5.50.
- (4) The maximum per-page fee a court reporter may charge for the preparation of a private transcript shall be \$5.50
- (5) With the court's approval, a court reporter may charge a maximum per-page fee of \$6.00 for transcripts requested within five (5) working days and a maximum per-page fee of \$7.00 for transcripts requested to be prepared within a twenty-four (24) hour time period (example: a witness' testimony during a jury trial to be used in closing arguments).

- (6) A minimum fee of \$35.00 may be charged for any transcript.
- (7) An additional labor charge approximating the hourly rate based upon the court reporter's annual court compensation may be charged for the time spent binding the transcript and the exhibit binders.
- (8) The maximum per-page fee a court reporter may charge for a copy of the previously typed transcript shall be \$1.00. A copy of a transcript shall include all forms of a transcript including, but not limited to, paper, electronic, and digital.
- (9) A reasonable charge for the office supplies required and utilized for the binding and electronic transmission of the transcript is permissible. The costs for these supplies shall be determined pursuant to a Schedule of Transcript Supplies that shall be established and published annually by the judges of Bartholomew County.
- (10) A deposit of at least 1/2 of the estimated cost of the completed transcript will be required by the court reporter BEFORE beginning any transcript.
- (11) Each court reporter shall report, at least on an annual basis, all transcript fees received for the preparation of either county-indigent or private transcripts to the Indiana Supreme Court Office of Court Services. The reporting shall be made on forms prescribed by that office.
- (12) Disk as Official Record. Upon the filing of a written request or praecipe for transcript, the court reporter shall transcribe any court proceedings requested and produce an original paper transcript along with an electronically-formatted transcript. Multiple disks containing the electronically-formatted transcript shall be prepared and designated as "Original Transcript," "Court Reporter's Copy," and "Court's Copy." Each disk shall be labeled to identify the case number, the names of the parties, the date completed, the court reporter's name, and the disk number if more than one disk is required for a complete transcript.

The court's copy of the electronic transcript shall become the official record of the court proceeding in lieu of a paper copy of the transcript and shall be retained in the court where said proceedings were held. The court reporter's copy shall be retained by the court reporter. The original paper transcript

along with the disk designated as the original transcript shall be forwarded to the clerk if the transcript was prepared for purposes of appeal. If the transcript was not prepared for purposes of appeal, the original paper transcript shall be delivered to the requesting party.

(C) Private Practice.

- (1) If a court reporter elects to engage in private practice through the recording of a deposition and/or preparing of a deposition transcript and the court reporter desires to utilize the court's equipment, work space and supplies, and the Court agrees to the use of the court's equipment for such purpose, the Court and the court reporter shall enter into a written agreement which must, at a minimum, designate the following:
 - (a) The reasonable market rate for the use of equipment, work space, and supplies;
 - (b) The method by which records are to be kept for the use of equipment, work space, and supplies; and
 - (c) The method by which the court reporter is to reimburse the court for the use of the equipment, work space, and supplies.
- (2) If a court reporter elects to engage in private practice through the recording of a deposition and/or preparing of a deposition transcript, all such private practice work shall be conducted outside of regular working hours.

LR03-AR21-1 Rule 1. Transfer of Criminal Cases.

- (A) In the event of a conflict for Circuit Court, a case shall be reassigned to ~~either Superior Court 1 or Superior Court 2 on an equal and rotating basis.~~
- (B) In the event of a conflict for Superior Court 1, a case shall be reassigned to ~~either Circuit Court or Superior Court 2 on an equal and rotating basis.~~
- (C) In the event of a conflict for both Superior Court 1 and Circuit Court, a case shall be reassigned to Superior Court 2.
- ~~(C)(D)~~ In the event of a conflict for Superior Court 2, a case shall be reassigned to either Circuit Court or Superior Court 1 on an equal and rotating basis.

~~(D)~~(E) In the event that no courts in Bartholomew County are available to hear a case, then that case shall be transferred on a rotating basis to a full time judicial officer of one of the other courts in the district in the following order; Judge of the Brown Circuit Court, Magistrate of the Brown Circuit Court; Judge of the Jackson Circuit Court, Judge of the Jackson Superior Court No 1, Judge of the Jackson Superior Court No 2, Judge of the Jennings Circuit Court, Judge of the Jennings Superior Court, Magistrate of the Jennings County Courts, Judge of the Decatur Circuit Court, Judge of the Decatur Superior Court, Magistrate of the Decatur County Courts, Judge of the Johnson Circuit Court, Judge of the Johnson Superior Court No 1, Judge of the Johnson Superior Court No 2, Judge of the Johnson Superior Court No 3, Judge of the Johnson Superior Court No 4, Magistrate of the Johnson Circuit Court, Magistrate of the Johnson County Courts, Judge of the Shelby Circuit Court, Judge of the Shelby Superior Court No 1, and Judge of the Shelby Superior Court No 2. A judge shall be skipped in the rotation when such judge is known to the court to be ineligible or disqualified. If a judge is so skipped in the rotation, he or she shall be selected for the next eligible case if the ineligibility has been removed.

~~(E)~~(F) In the event that no judge is available for assignment or reassignment, such case shall be certified to the Indiana Supreme Court for the appointment of a special judge.

~~**LR03-AR21-2: Judicial Officers.** For purposes of judicial economy in the Bartholomew County Courts, the judges of each Court (Circuit Court, Superior Court 1 and Superior Court 2) may informally consent and authorize any of the other judges, the Bartholomew Superior Court 2 Magistrate, the Circuit Court Juvenile Magistrate, the Circuit Court Commissioner, or the IV-D Commissioner, to exercise general jurisdiction over any and all cases in each other's courts, including, the signing of any and all warrants, detention orders and emergency custody orders.~~

LR03-JC2.17-1: Process for Exception to Prohibition of Broadcasting. The Code of Judicial Conduct Rule 2.17 prohibits the broadcasting, televising, recording, digital streaming, or photographing of court proceedings or the courtroom while court is in session. Requests to photograph the courtroom when court is not in session may be granted at the Court's discretion.

A member of the news media may request permission to broadcast by submitting a written request at least 7 days in advance of the hearing or proceeding. The request shall be made using the form found in Form C. The Court has discretion to approve or deny a request. An affirmative approval is required. The Court has discretion to modify the request period. If granted, the Court must post notice in the courtroom that news media personnel may be

present for broadcast of court proceedings, and filming, photographing, and recording is limited to the authorized news media personnel.

News media is defined as persons employed by or representing a newspaper, periodical, press association, radio station, television station, or wire service and covered by Ind. Code § 34-46-4-1. Representatives of news media organizations may be required to wear identification. The Court has discretion to determine who may be eligible to be admitted as news media and under what conditions.

Broadcast is defined as any broadcasting or recording of court proceedings by news media using still, video or audio equipment.

If approved, all broadcasting shall take place in an area designated by the Court. The Court has discretion to limit or terminate broadcast by a news media organization at any time during the proceeding. The Court may direct the manner in which the proceedings are covered by news media. News media are to be unobtrusive and quiet. News media may not move around the courtroom during proceedings. News media may not conduct interviews in the courtroom. All cameras shall be on a fixed mounting. Handheld cameras are not permitted. Once the court session starts, the camera or recording device may not be moved, tilted or panned. Devices shall use ambient lighting only. Power, internet and other utilities will not be provided by the Court. No cords or boom microphones are allowed.

Broadcasting, recording, digitally streaming, or photographing proceedings will always be prohibited in proceedings that are closed to the public, either by state statute or Indiana Supreme Court rules. This prohibition also applies to minors; juvenile delinquency and child in need of services matters; protective order proceedings; guardianship proceedings; civil proceedings in which children are involved; alleged victims of violent offenses, sex offenses, and domestic abuse; jurors and prospective jurors and the jury selection process; proceedings or portions of proceedings where the court deems it necessary for the administration of justice (i.e. to protect a witness, other persons or confidential information); attorney-client communications; bench conferences; and materials on counsel tables and judicial bench.

Any violation of this rule may be punishable by contempt of court and/or the impositions of sanctions. Sanctions may include suspension and/or termination of broadcast privileges.

CONSENT TO ALTERNATE SERVICE – COURTHOUSE BOXES (Form A)

The undersigned, as an individual practitioner or for and on behalf of the law firm below, hereby consents to service of any notice, pleading, process, order or other communication by deposit of the same in an assigned Courthouse box by the Bartholomew County Courts, the Bartholomew County Clerk; and other attorneys and law firms which also consent to alternative service.

“Deposit” pursuant to this Consent shall constitute and be accepted as 1st class mail under Trial Rule 6(E). The Consent shall remain valid until revoked in writing. The Consent or revocation will be effective fourteen days after filing with the Bartholomew Circuit Court.

This Consent shall also apply to any attorneys who become associates with the undersigned law firm after the date of this consent. The undersigned agrees to notify the Bartholomew County Courts and Bartholomew County Bar Association promptly of any changes in the list of attorneys designated in the Consent.

Signature of Representative

Date

Printed Name of Representative

Firm Name

Printed Names of Attorneys in Law Firm

AFFIDAVIT FOR HOLD FOR PRELIMINARY CHARGE (Form B)

LR03-CR00-BOND-1 (C) *In the event that the arresting officer believes that the [bond] schedule is not appropriate for a specific arrest based upon facts known to the officer or surrounding circumstances, the officer may complete an affidavit [] and provide it to the Sheriff's Department and the Sheriff is authorized to hold such arrestee until the sooner of forty-eight (48) hours or until further order of a Judge. **THIS 48 HOUR HOLD DOES NOT EXCLUDE WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS.***

Pursuant to the Bartholomew County Local Rule LR03-CR00-BOND-1(C), the undersigned law enforcement officer makes this affidavit for the purpose of requesting that the Sheriff hold the named arrestee and that said arrestee shall not be allowed to post bond pursuant to the schedule set forth by the Bartholomew County Judges, and pursuant to the Bartholomew County Courts Bond Schedule and states the following:

The bond schedule is not appropriate for:

Name: _____ Address: _____
DOB: _____ SSN: _____ in that said arrestee:

Is not a resident of this community and/or appears to have no significant ties to the community and appears to the undersigned to present a higher than normal risk of failure to appear; SPECIFICALLY:

Is believed to have committed an act that is in violation of a protective order, a no contact order issued in a criminal case, or a pretrial conditions order.

The arrestee is currently on probation or parole.

The arrestee has made threats of violence to this officer or to another person, which if carried out would warrant a substantially higher charge and bond and it appears likely to the undersigned that the arrestee would carry out these threats if permitted to post bond at this time.

The arrestee is suspected of additional crimes or more serious charges that will require further investigation and the bond for the offense for which the arrestee is now held is not likely to be sufficient to assure attendance at proceedings for the suspected offense(s) and/or the arrestee poses a danger to the alleged victim and/or the community.

Victim/Officer notification sheet is attached.

I affirm under the penalties for perjury that the above is true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature

Printed

~~The undersigned law enforcement officer makes this affidavit for the purpose of requesting that the sheriff hold the named arrestee, and that said arrestee shall not be allowed to post bond~~

~~pursuant to the schedule set by the judges of this county and pursuant to the provisions of the BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY COURTS BOND SCHEDULE that states as follows:~~

- ~~The bond schedule is not appropriate for _____,~~
~~_____ (Name)~~
~~_____, _____ in that said arrestee:~~
~~_____(Date of Birth) _____(Social Security Number)_____~~
- ~~_____ is not a resident of this community and/or appears to have no significant ties to the community and appears to the undersigned to present a higher than normal risk to fail to return; or~~
- ~~_____ is believed to have committed an act which is in violation of a previous court order; or~~
- ~~_____ has made threats of violence to this officer or to another person which if carried out would warrant a substantially higher charge and bond, and it appears likely to the undersigned that the arrestee would carry out these threats if permitted to post the standard bond; or~~
- ~~_____ is suspected of additional or more serious charges which will require further investigation, and the bond for the offense for which the arrestee is now held is not likely to be sufficient to assure attendance at proceedings for the suspected offense; or~~
- ~~_____ other grounds not set forth above: _____.~~
- ~~_____ Victim/officer notification sheet is attached.~~

~~I affirm under penalties for perjury that the above is true to the best of my knowledge.~~

Signature _____ Date _____

Print name _____

REQUEST FOR NEWS MEDIA COVERAGE OF A COURT PROCEEDING (Form C)

Date of Request: _____ Date/time of proceeding: _____

Case number of proceeding: 03 _____ - _____ - _____ - _____

By signing this form, I certify to the judge that I am a member of the news media as defined in Indiana code of Judicial Conduct Rule 2.17: "News media is defined as persons employed by or representing a newspaper, periodical, press association, radio station, television station, or wire service and covered by Indiana Code § 34-46-4-1."

As a member of the news media, I request permission to broadcast or record a court proceeding in the case above, and my request is for (mark all that apply):

_____ Still photography	_____ Video recording equipment
_____ Audio recording equipment	_____ Coverage by a pool camera
_____ Live broadcast	_____ Delayed broadcast

Please specify your equipment and intended use of the requested news media coverage:

I understand that the presiding judge has discretion to approve or deny this request for broadcast coverage and may, if granted, limit, interrupt, or terminate broadcast coverage at any time. I also understand the presiding judge may determine the location and quantity of broadcast equipment. I have reviewed the Bartholomew County Local Rule LR03-JC2.17-1, and I agree to abide it. I understand that violation of a court order may result in a finding of contempt of court and that sanctions may be imposed for a violation.

Signature

Printed name

Media Outlet making request

Network or publisher affiliation

Telephone number

email address

For Court Use:

_____ Denied:

_____ The requestor is not news media as defined by Judicial Conduct Rule 2.17.

_____ Safety and security concerns.

_____ The proceeding is closed to the public by either state statute, Indiana Supreme Court Rules, or local rule.

_____ Other.

_____ Granted for:

_____ Still photography

_____ Video recording equipment

_____ Audio recording equipment

_____ Coverage by a pool camera

_____ Live broadcast

_____ Delayed broadcast

With the restrictions outlined in the Bartholomew County Local Rule LR03-JC2.17-1, and the following additional restrictions:

To be filed in Cause Number 03_____ - _____ - _____ - _____