JUDICIAL CONFERENCE OF INDIANA DISTRICT 14 GOVERNANCE PLAN

(Grant and Madison Counties)

- 1. <u>Special Judge Plans</u>: Our District reviewed the Trial Rule 79 plans in each county and has determined each plan is current and allows for the efficient operation of special judge assignments in the District. Our District will use judges within the District or, as allowed by Trial Rule 79(H), drawn from counties that are contiguous to the county seeking a special judge.
- 2. <u>Criminal Rule 2.2</u>: Our District reviewed the Administrative Rule 1(E)(6) Plans for the counties in our District. We have determined that the counties in our District follow the provisions of Administrative Rules 1(E)(6), 21 and Criminal Rule 2.4.
- 3. <u>Leadership</u>: From among the alternatives suggested to comply with Administrative Rule 3(B), our District reviewed the suggested choices: (1) administrative judge/committee or (2) other specified organization established by the District. We have chosen the administrative judge model. The administrative judge shall be the representative to the Board of Directors.
- 4. Selection Process for Leadership: The term for the administrative judge shall be two years. The administrative judge shall be selected from each different county in alternating terms, i.e., Grant County in one term and Madison County in the next term. The administrative judge will conduct the selection process. Nominees can self-nominate or be nominated by another judge. The selection will be conducted by a majority vote of all full-time judges in the District. The current administrative judge will forward the results and required documents to the Indiana Judicial Conference. The District elects to establish no limitation on the number of non-consecutive terms a judge may serve, but no judge may serve two (2) consecutive terms. The administrative judge is the District representative to the Board and has the authority to vote all the votes allocated to the District.
- 5. Number of Meetings: The District will hold a minimum of one meeting per year, and it will be organized by the administrative judge. A majority of the judges in the District will constitute a quorum to conduct business. Proxy votes at the District meeting can be cast as long as the administrative judge receives a written notice by facsimile or email before the start of the meeting designating the judge's proxy or the proxy provides an executed proxy instrument before or at the commencement of the meeting. Meetings will be conducted in person, electronically, or via conference call as determined by the needs of the District.

6. District Activities:

a. Our District is cooperating with Trial Rule 79 and Administrative Rule 1(E)(6) Plans.

- b. Our District will investigate the sharing of judicial resources when more resources become available.
- 7. Local Rules: Currently we do not have any District rules.
- 8. <u>Compliance</u>: Our District Plan complies with the minimum requirements for District governance contemplated by Administrative Rule 3(B). A majority of the judges in the District agreed to this Plan on July 31, 2014. It will remain in effect until further notice.

Effective January 1, 2024