

Recent Milestones in the Indiana Judiciary

- Two amendments to the State Constitution to convert the Supreme Court into a “cert court”
- Creating a program for Interest on Lawyer Trust Accounts
- Mandatory continuing legal education for judges and lawyers and a CLE Commission
- Second state to adopt minimum standards for death penalty representation
- The Indiana Conference on Legal Education Opportunity (“Indiana CLEO”)
- Judicial Technology and Automation Committee, led by Justice Sullivan (electronic tickets, Odyssey, protective order registry, and many others)
- The award-winning Courts in the Classroom program
- Alternative Dispute Resolution rules and certified mediator training
- Adoption of the Indiana Rules of Evidence
- Cameras and webcasting of oral argument in the appellate courts
- Experiments with cameras in the trial courts, with two proposals pending
- The Indiana Child Support Guidelines and the Indiana Parenting-Time Guidelines
- State-wide Guardian ad Litem/Court-Appointed Special Advocate programs
- Plain English Jury Instructions and the Indiana Jury Rules
- Scores of state-assisted drug courts, re-entry courts, veterans’ courts, and community courts
- Family Court Initiative and family mediation programs
- “Self-Help Legal Center” on line, for citizens who are not represented by a lawyer
- State standards and state reimbursement to improve local public defender offices under the Public Defender Commission
- Mortgage foreclosure prevention initiatives
- The Indiana Graduate Program for Judges

- Workload measures, compensation standards, and continuing education for probation officers
- Court Drug and Alcohol Program – program certifications, credentials, and financial support
- Foreign-language interpreter testing and interpreter grants to counties
- Licensing of Foreign Legal Consultants and in-house Business Counsel
- A full-time Public Information Officer
- Court appointment of the Clerk of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, and Tax Court
- Requiring new lawyers to pass the Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam
- The Professionalism Program for New Lawyers
- State-wide Pro Bono Commission with district staff assisting thousands of lawyer volunteers
- Annual electronic lists for jury service, named the most inclusive and current in the country
- The Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program (monitoring of impaired lawyers and conditional licenses for some new admittees)
- Modern and comprehensive rules on lawyer advertising
- Complete revision of both the Rules of Professional Conduct and the Code of Judicial Conduct
- The Weighted Caseload Measuring System
- Fourth-generation Risk Assessment Instrument for adult and juvenile offenders
- The Supreme Court Commission on Race and Gender
- Indiana became headquarters for the national association of CLE regulators
- Rules requiring random filing of new criminal cases in trial courts
- Appointments of Senior Judges in trial and appellate courts
- Training programs for trial court and clerk staff

- Challenge Grant to the Bar Foundation for the Givan Loan Repayment Assistance Program
- Historic restoration of the courtroom, conference room, and Clerk's office
- Adoption of the Multi-State Bar Examination
- Indiana joins the Interstate Compact on Adult Offender Supervision (and Juvenile Compact)
- Law School for Journalists
- Creating a Director of Appellate Court Technology
- WorkPlace Spanish Training Program for courts and clerks
- Temporary licenses for lawyers displaced by natural disasters like Hurricane Katrina