

In the
Indiana Supreme Court



Cause No. 94S00-1701-MS-5

Order Amending Indiana Tax Court Rules

Under the authority vested in this Court to provide by rule for the procedure employed in all courts of this state and this Court's inherent authority to supervise the administration of all courts of this state, the Indiana Tax Court Rules are amended as follows (deletions shown by ~~striking~~ and new text shown by underlining):

Rule 18. Mediation

(D) **Selection of Mediator/Costs of Mediation.** Within fifteen (15) days of an order referring a case to mediation, or fifteen (15) days of a decision of the Tax Court under Rule 18(C) if a timely objection is filed under that subsection, the parties may choose a mediator from the pool of senior judges who have been certified by the Indiana Judicial Nominating Commission. In the event a mediator is not selected by agreement, the Tax Court will designate three (3) senior judges who have been certified by the Indiana Judicial Nominating Commission who are willing to mediate cases before the Tax Court. Alternately, each side shall strike the name of one mediator. The side initiating the lawsuit will strike first. The mediator remaining after the striking process will be deemed the selected mediator. The senior judge serving as the mediator shall be paid by the ~~Indiana Office~~ Division of Judicial State Court Administration (IOJA) pursuant to Supreme Court Administrative Rule 5. The senior judge serving as the mediator need not be a registered mediator as provided in Indiana Rules for Alternative Dispute Resolution, Rule 2. Mediation shall occur at no cost to the parties.

Rule 19. Special Rules

The judge of the Tax Court may from time to time make and amend rules governing practice before it not inconsistent with these rules. In all cases not provided for by rule, the Tax Court may regulate its practice in any manner not inconsistent with these rules. Any special rules shall be furnished to the clerk and to the ~~Indiana Office of Judicial Administration (IOJA) the Administrator of State Courts.~~ Indiana Office of Judicial Administration (IOJA)

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Rule 23. Electronic Filing and Electronic Service

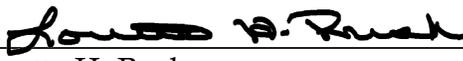
(A) Definitions.
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(10) *User Agreement.* A User Agreement is an agreement in a form approved by the ~~Indiana Office Division~~ of ~~Judicial State Court~~ Administration (IOJA) that establishes obligations and responsibilities of the User within the IEFS.

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These amendments shall take effect January 1, 2018.

Done at Indianapolis, Indiana, on 10/30/2017 .



Loretta H. Rush
Chief Justice of Indiana

All Justices concur.