



In the Indiana Supreme Court

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Cause No. 94S00-1701-MS-5

Order Amending Rules of Appellate Procedure

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 Rules of Appellate Procedure are amended as follows (deletions shown by ~~striking~~ and new text shown by underlining):

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Rule 2. Definitions

In these Rules, the following definitions apply:

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Y. 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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Rule 8.1. Uniform Appellate Case Numbering System

- (A) **Application.** The Clerk of the Supreme Court shall use the uniform case numbering system set forth below for cases filed in the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, and Tax Court.
- (B) **Numbering System.** The uniform appellate case numbering system shall consist of ~~four~~three groups of characters arranged in a manner to identify the court, the year/~~month~~ of filing, the case type and the filing sequence. The following is an example of the case number to be employed:

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- (1) Year of Filing and Court Identifier. In cases filed in the Supreme Court ~~and the~~, Court of Appeals, and ~~in inheritance tax cases and original tax appeals filed in the~~ Tax Court, the first group of ~~five~~three characters shall constitute the ~~county and the year of the filing and the court identifier. The first and second character in this group shall represent the county of the court from which the case is being appealed or the original action arose; the county where the original inheritance tax action arose; or the county designated in the written election filed by the taxpayer in an original tax appeal, or otherwise designated as set forth in Indiana~~ county

~~Tax Rule 8(A), employing the same code set forth in Administrative Rule 8(B)(1). For the cases noted below, the following topic codes will be used in place of county codes:~~

~~93 Appeals from agency actions pursuant to IC 4-21.5-5 et seq.~~

~~94 Certified Questions, Rule Amendments, and other miscellaneous matters.~~

~~98 Disciplinary matters involving out-of-state attorneys.~~

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~~The~~ third character in the first group shall represent the court in which the proceeding is being filed employing the following codes:

S Supreme Court
A Court of Appeals
T Tax Court

~~The last two characters of the first group shall distinguish between geographical districts set forth in IC 33-25-1-2 from which the case is being appealed or being assigned in the Court of Appeals, and additional cases and other matters handled by the Supreme Court and the Tax Court, employing the following codes:~~

~~00 Administrative/Other matters handled by the Supreme Court, including, but not limited to, Attorney Disciplinary matters, Judicial Disciplinary matters, Special Judge assignments, Senior Judge assignments and Rule amendments.~~

~~01 First District: Bartholomew, Boone, Brown, Clark, Clay, Crawford, Daviess, Dearborn, Decatur, Dubois, Fayette, Floyd, Fountain, Franklin, Gibson, Greene, Hancock, Harrison, Hendricks, Henry, Jackson, Jefferson, Jennings, Johnson, Knox, Lawrence, Martin, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Ohio, Orange, Owen, Parke, Perry, Pike, Posey, Putnam, Randolph, Ripley, Rush, Scott, Shelby, Spencer, Sullivan, Switzerland, Union, Vanderburgh, Vermillion, Vigo, Warrick, Washington, and Wayne.~~

~~02 Second District: Adams, Blackford, Carroll, Cass, Clinton, Delaware, Grant, Hamilton, Howard, Huntington, Jay, Madison, Marion, Miami, Tippecanoe, Tipton, Wabash, Wells, and White.~~

~~03 Third District: Allen, Benton, DeKalb, Elkhart, Fulton, Jasper, Kosciusko, LaGrange, Lake, LaPorte, Marshall, Newton, Noble, Porter, Pulaski, St. Joseph, Starke, Steuben, Warren, and Whitley.~~

~~04 The entire state constitutes the Fourth District.~~

~~05 The entire state constitutes the Fifth District.~~

~~10 Cases appealed to the Tax Court.~~

(2) ~~Year/Month of Filing. The second group of four characters shall represent the year and month of filing. As shown above, the first and second characters of this group denote the last two digits of the calendar year and the third and fourth characters reflect the month of filing.~~

(3) *Case Type.* The ~~third~~second group of two characters shall designate the type of proceeding.

i. The following codes shall be used for matters originating in the Supreme Court:

BL Board of Law Examiners
CO Contempt Proceedings
CQ Certified Questions
DI Attorney Discipline
JD Judicial Discipline
MS Miscellaneous Matters
OR Original Actions
SJ Special Judges

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ii. In appeals, the same case type code used in the lower court, as specified in Administrative Rule 8(B)(3), shall be used except as indicated below:

EX Appeals in certain administrative proceedings
TA ~~Appeals from the~~ Tax Court cases and appeals therefrom
DP Direct capital appeals
PD Post-conviction capital appeals
LW Direct Life without Parole (LWOP) appeals
CR Direct appeals (non-capital, non-LWOP)
PC Post-conviction appeals (non-capital)
SD Requests to file successive capital post-conviction petitions
SP Requests to file successive post-conviction petitions (non-capital)
JV Juvenile delinquency appeals with a trial court designation of "JD".

(43) *Filing Sequence.* The ~~fourth~~third group may consist of any number of characters assigned sequentially to a case when it is filed. It shall begin with "1" at the beginning of each year for each case classification and continue sequentially until the end of the year. ~~The number of cases filed within a given classification will determine the number of digits in this group.~~

These amendments shall take effect upon January 1, 2018.

Done at Indianapolis, Indiana, on 10/31/2017 .



Loretta H. Rush
Chief Justice of Indiana

All Justices concur.