

STATE OF INDIANA - COUNTY OF PORTER
IN THE PORTER CIRCUIT AND SUPERIOR COURTS

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS OF THE LOCAL RULES FOR THE
COURTS OF RECORD OF PORTER COUNTY AND PROPOSED CASELOAD
ALLOCATION PLAN PURSUANT TO INDIANA ADMINISTRATIVE RULE.
MARCH 1, 2016**

In accordance with Administrative Rule 1(E) of the Indiana Court Rules, the Porter Circuit and Superior Courts hereby give notice to the bar and the public that the Courts propose to amend the Porter County Local Rules, including a new caseload allocation plan, for the courts of record of Porter County. All new text is shown by underlining and deleted text is shown by ~~strikethrough~~. Local Rules for caseload allocation plans pursuant to Admin. R. 1(E) require Supreme Court approval and may not take effect until approved by the Supreme Court.

In accordance with Trial Rule 81(B), the time period for the bar and the public to comment shall begin on March 1, 2016, and shall close on April 1, 2016. The proposed amendments to the rule will be adopted, modified or rejected before April 1, 2016, and the final version of the rule will be submitted to the Indiana Supreme Court for review and approval not later than May 1, 2016. The effective date of the new Local Rules and Caseload Allocation Plan is January 1, 2017.

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

Hon. David L. Chidester, Judge of Porter Superior Court II, ATTN: Public Comment on Local Rules, Porter County Courthouse, 16 Lincolnway, Fifth Floor, Valparaiso, Indiana 46383-5643.

A paper copy of the proposed amended local rules will be made available for viewing in the Office of the Clerk of Porter County, Porter County Courthouse, 16 Lincolnway, Second Floor, Valparaiso, Indiana 46383-5643, during normal business hours. Persons with internet access may view the proposed amended local rule for Caseload Allocation Plan at the following websites:

Porter County: <http://www.porterco.org/>
Porter County Clerk: <http://www.porterco.org/clerk.html>

A copy of the proposed amended local rules shall also be distributed to: The Porter County Prosecutor's Office, Kenneth Elwood, Public Defender, Porter County Bar Association, Clerk's Office for Portage, Indiana.

For all of the Courts of Record of Porter County, Indiana, on this March 1, 2016.

DAVID L. CHIDESTER Judge Porter Superior Court IV