

In the
Indiana Supreme Court

CASE NUMBER 94S00-1101-MS-17



ORDER AMENDING INDIANA ADMINISTRATIVE 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 in this state, Indiana Administrative Rule 9 is amended to read as follows (deletions shown by ~~striking~~ and new text shown by underlining):

Rule 9. Access to Court Records

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(E) Remote Access and Fees. Courts should endeavor to make at least the following information, when available in electronic form, remotely accessible to the public unless public access is restricted pursuant to sections (G) or (H):

- (1) Litigant/party indexes to cases filed with the court;
- (2) Listings of new case filings, including the names of the parties;
- (3) The chronological case summary of cases;
- (4) Calendars or dockets of court proceedings, including case numbers and captions, date and time of hearings, and location of hearings;
- (5) Judgments, orders, or decrees.

Upon the request and at an amount approved by the majority of judges of courts of record in the county, the County Board of Commissioners may adopt an electronic system fee to be charged in conjunction with electronic access to court records. The fee must be approved by the Division of State Court Administration. In the instance of records from multiple courts, the Supreme Court may adopt such a fee. The method of the fee's collection, deposit, distribution and accounting must be approved by the Indiana State Board of Accounts.

Commentary

In addition to any fees charged under this rule, Sections (C)(9) and (10) provide that courts may charge for the fair market value of bulk and compiled information. This rule does not impose an affirmative obligation to preserve information or data or to transform information or data received into a format or medium that is not otherwise routinely maintained by the court. While this section encourages courts to make the designated information available to the public

through remote access, this is not required, even if the information already exists in an electronic format.

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These amendments shall take effect October 1, 2011.

The Clerk of this Court is directed to forward a copy of this Order to the clerk of each circuit court in the state of Indiana; Attorney General of Indiana; Legislative Services Agency and its Office of Code Revision; Administrator, Indiana Supreme Court; Administrator, Indiana Court of Appeals; Administrator, Indiana Tax Court; Public Defender of Indiana; Prosecuting Attorney's Council; Public Defender's Council; Indiana Supreme Court Disciplinary Commission; Indiana Supreme Court Commission for Continuing Legal Education; Indiana Board of Law Examiners; Indiana Judicial Center; Division of State Court Administration; Indiana Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program; the libraries of all law schools in this state; the Michie Company; and Thompson Reuters. The Clerk is also Directed to post this Order to the Court's website.

Thomson Reuters is directed to publish this Order in the advance sheets of this Court.

The Clerks of the Circuit Courts are directed to bring this Order to the attention of all judges within their respective counties and to post this Order for examination by the Bar and general public.

DONE at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 13th day of September, 2011.

/s/Randall T. Shepard
Randall T. Shepard
Chief Justice of Indiana

All Justices concur.