

Court, 232 Russell Street, Hammond, IN 46320; to the Hon. Thomas W. Webber, Sr., Lake Superior Court, 15 West Fourth Avenue, Gary, IN 46402-1238; to the Hon. Elizabeth Tavitas, Lake Superior Court, 15 West Fourth Avenue, Gary, IN 46402-1284; to the Hon. Salvador Vasquez, Lake Superior Court, 2293 North Main Street, Crown Point, IN 46307-1854; to the Hon. Jesse M. Villalpando, Lake Superior Court, 232 Russell Street, Hammond, IN 46320-1877; to the Clerk of the Lake Circuit and Superior Courts; and to the Division of State Court Administration. The Clerk is also directed to post this Order on the Court's website.

The Clerk of the Lake Circuit and Superior Courts is directed to enter this Order and attachment in the Record of Judgments and Orders for the Courts, to post this Order and attachment for examination by the Bar and the general public, and if available, to publish this Order and attachment on the county clerk's website.

DONE at Indianapolis, Indiana, on August 11, 2014.



Brent E. Dickson
Chief Justice of Indiana

LR 45-TR79-15 Appointment of Special Judge

A. If a motion for change of Judge is granted in a case or an order of disqualification is entered in a case, and a special judge is not appointed and qualified as provided in Trial Rule 79(D), a special judge shall be appointed, on a rotating basis, from the current roster of judicial officers.

B. Each judicial officer shall have the option to be removed from consideration from some or all case types.

C. This rule shall have no application to the selection of a special judge in a Post Conviction Relief petition. The rules of Criminal Procedure and the Local Rules of the Lake Superior Court, Criminal Division, shall apply in said instance.

D. The current roster of judicial officers shall be maintained in the office of the Lake Superior Court Administrator (Administrator). When it becomes necessary to select a special judge from said lists, the following procedure shall be followed:

1. If a Special Judge is not selected in accordance with Trial Rule 79(D), the judge shall immediately contact the Administrator for the name of the next available judicial officer. The Administrator shall provide a name from the roster of current judicial officers. Selected judicial officers will be selected on a rotating basis.

2. The selected judicial officer appointed to serve under this local rule must accept jurisdiction unless disqualified under circumstances set out in the Rules of Trial Procedure 79(H). The order of appointment by the regular judge shall constitute acceptance. An oath or additional evidence of acceptance is not required.