



**NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS**  
**TO**  
**LOCAL RULES**


Notice is hereby given that the Courts of Howard County propose to amend the Local Court Rules. The full text of all proposed amendments are attached and underlined.


Comments will be received from the bar and the public until July 1, 2010. All comments should be in writing, and addressed to William C. Menges, Jr., Judge, Howard Superior Court 1, Courthouse, 104 North Buckeye Street, Room 216, Kokomo, Indiana 46901.

The proposals shall be adopted, modified, or rejected by July 31, 2010, and will be effective on January 1, 2011.

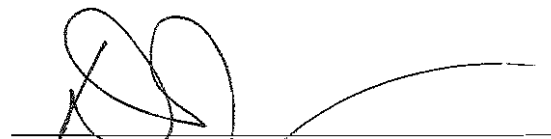
The Clerk of the Circuit Court is directed to post this Notice in her office, and on the website maintained by her.


Dated this 7 day of Dec., 2009.

  
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LYNN MURRAY, JUDGE  
HOWARD CIRCUIT COURT

  
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WILLIAM C. MENGES, JR., JUDGE  
HOWARD SUPERIOR COURT I

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STEPHEN M. JESSUP, JUDGE  
HOWARD SUPERIOR COURT II

  
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DOUGLAS A. TATE, JUDGE  
HOWARD SUPERIOR COURT III

  
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GEORGE A. HOPKINS, JUDGE  
HOWARD SUPERIOR COURT IV

**LR34-AR1-2**

**ASSIGNMENT OF CASE FILINGS:**

**A. HOWARD CIRCUIT COURT:** All Juvenile Matters, Adoptions, and other cases required by law to be filed in the Circuit Court shall be filed in the Howard Circuit Court.

**B. HOWARD SUPERIOR COURTS II & IV:** Mental Health Matters shall be filed in the Howard Superior Court II or the Howard Superior Court IV. The Court of filing shall be determined by random selection, by the Clerk.

**C. HOWARD SUPERIOR COURT III:** Small Claims, Infractions, and Ordinance Violations shall be filed in the Howard Superior Court III. Howard Superior Court III shall also maintain a Plenary Docket for the purpose of accepting transfer cases. This shall include any civil case transferred from other Howard County Courts or cases in which the Judge of Howard Superior Court III has been selected as a special judge pursuant to Section (J) of Trial Rule 79. All small claims which are transferred to the Plenary docket as a result of a jury request or because a party seeks to pursue a claim that exceeds the jurisdictional amount allowed shall be transferred to the Plenary Docket of Howard Superior Court III.

**D. HOWARD SUPERIOR COURT I:** Miscellaneous Matters (MI) shall be filed in Howard Superior Court I.

**E. OTHER CIVIL FILINGS:** All other civil cases shall be filed in the Howard Circuit Court, the Howard Superior Court II, or the Howard Superior Court IV. The court of filing shall be determined by random selection, by the Clerk, using a method which will result in thirty percent (30%) being filed in Circuit Court, and thirty-five percent (35%) being filed in Superior Court II, and thirty five (35%) being filed in Superior Court IV.