

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF LOCAL RULE LR58-JR-3

The Circuit Court of Ohio County, Indiana proposed rule on Jury Safety, Privacy and Term of Service:

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Indiana Trial Rule 81, that the following proposed local rule, LR58-JR-3 regarding Jury Safety and Privacy is proposed for amendment.

1. All new text is shown by underlining and deleted text is shown by ~~strikethrough~~.
2. Comments should be sent to:

Hon. James D. Humphrey, Judge
Ohio Circuit Court
P.O. Box 185
Rising Sun, IN 47040

3. Comments by the bar and the public will be received until November 13, 2022.
4. Proposals will be adopted, modified or rejected by the Court by November 30, 2022.
5. The effective date of the proposed amendment will be December 1, 2022 for jury trials scheduled for calendar year 2023.
6. The text of the proposed local rule has been provided to the Ohio Circuit Court Clerk and to the Indiana Supreme Court Office of Judicial Administration in digital format. The Court has also given notice to the officers of the Dearborn-Ohio County bar association for distribution.

LR58-JR-3: JURY SAFETY, ~~AND~~ PRIVACY, AND TERM OF SERVICE

- A. Pursuant to Indiana Jury Trial 10, personal information relating to jurors or prospective jurors not disclosed in open court shall be considered confidential, other than as permitted for use of parties and counsel during the trial.
- B. ~~Petit jurors shall be available during three (3) month terms of Ohio County. Grand jurors shall be available during a term of three (3) months. The first twenty five (25) jurors drawn will be prospective grand jurors in Ohio County. Term of service shall be governed by Jury Rule 9.~~

The court has authorized a "computerized random jury selection system" pursuant to Indiana Code §33-28-5-10. Annually (and at such other times as the judge deems necessary) the judge will prepare a written order to draw a certain number of jurors for service for the upcoming year. The panel will be used for both grand and petit jurors as needed. The order(s) shall be filed with the Clerk of Courts and a copy to the Jury Administrator and/or Court Administrator. The prospective juror may then be summoned for service during the year.

The term of jury service shall be consistent with Indiana Rules of Court Jury Rule 9 and other applicable jury rules.

- C. The Ohio Circuit Court, pursuant to Jury Rule 4, has adopted the 2 tier summons procedure for summoning jurors for jury selection.