

STATE OF INDIANA – COUNTY OF SHELBY  
IN THE SHELBY CIRCUIT AND SUPERIOR COURTS  
73C01-1704-CB-\_\_\_\_; 73D01-1704-CB-\_\_\_\_; 73D02-1704-CB-\_\_\_\_

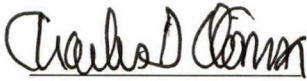
**Order Amending and Giving  
Notice of Proposed Local Rule Amendment  
LR73-FL00 RULE 1. DISSOLUTION EDUCATION WORKSHOP  
September 25, 2017**

The judges of the Shelby Circuit and Superior Courts, pursuant to Admin Rule 1(E) and Trial Rule 81, do hereby amend and give notice of said amendments to the Shelby County Local Court Rules. All new text is shown by underlining and deleted text is shown by ~~striketrough~~. Supreme Court approval is required for Local Rules concerning caseload allocation plans and court reporter fees and may not take effect until approved by the Supreme Court.

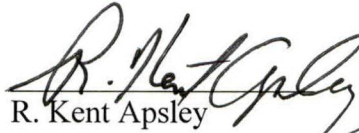
Notice has been given to the public by posting on the website of the Shelby County Clerk and on the Indiana Judicial Website, and by furnishing a copy to the officers of the Shelby County Bar Association. Comments may be made until October 15, 2017, to Judge David N Riggins, 407 S. Harrison Street, Shelbyville, IN 46176 :

These rule amendments will be effective on November 1, 2017.

It is so Ordered this 25th day of September, 2017, by the Judges of Shelby County, 16th Judicial Circuit.



Charles D. O'Connor  
Judge  
Shelby Circuit Court



R. Kent Apsley  
Judge  
Shelby Superior Court 1



David N. Riggins  
Judge  
Shelby Superior Court 2

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*Charles D. O'Connor*  
JUDGE SHELBY CIRCUIT COURT

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*R. Kent Apsley*  
JUDGE SHELBY-SUPERIOR COURT NO.1

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*David N. Riggins*  
JUDGE SHELBY SUPERIOR COURT NO.2

**PROPOSED AMENDED LOCAL RULE**

**LR73-FL00 RULE 1. DISSOLUTION EDUCATION WORKSHOP**

1.0 Pursuant to I.C. ~~31-1-11.5-19~~, 31-12-3-3 and 31-15-9-1 and amendments thereto, Shelby Circuit Court, Shelby Superior Court I and Shelby Superior Court II find that the best interests of the minor child or children of the parties shall be served by encouraging mediation and cooperation between divorcing parents prior to and after the dissolution of their marriage.

The Courts further find that the Mandatory Divorce Workshop will:

1. Aid parents in post-separation parenting;
2. Encourage agreements between parties concerning child related matters; and,
3. Aid Courts in maximizing the use of Court time. Therefore, , Shelby Circuit Court, Shelby Superior Court I and Shelby Superior Court II now Order both parties in any Dissolution of Marriage cause of action in which there are minor children to attend the workshop entitled "Children Cope With Divorce". Attendance shall be mandatory for all parties in any Dissolution of Marriage filed on or after April 1, 1994, if there are un-emancipated children under eighteen (18) years of age.

Each party must complete and certify to the court under oath that they have completed the four-hour course. Absent such certification, the Final Hearing will not be set. The parties shall be responsible for paying the cost of the program, currently ~~Thirty five Dollars~~Seventy dollars (~~\$35~~70.00) per person; waiver of the fee for indigency may be allowed.

The parties in this cause of action are ordered to contact:

*The Visiting Nurse Service*  
*4701 N. Keystone Avenue*  
*Indianapolis, IN 46205*  
*(317) 722-8201*  
*(877) 840-2673 or 1-800-248-6540*

<http://www.vnsi.org/children-cope-with-divorce.asp>

<https://www.franciscanhealth.org/health-care-services/children-cope-with-divorce-102>

~~within fifteen (15) days of their notice of this Order~~ to make an appointment to attend the workshop without further notice. Failure to complete the workshop may result in a party having to show cause why he/she should not be held in contempt of Court. The Sheriff of Shelby County is ordered to make due service of the Notice of Order on the Respondent when the Petition for Dissolution is served and make due return thereon.

*Adopted and effective April 9, 1996. Amended and renumbered as Rule 1, September 30, 2005, effective October 11, 2005; Amended and effective Jan 1, 2012 . Amended April 5, 2017, Amended September 25, 201*