

District 11 Governance Plan

1. **Special Judge Plans:** Our District has reviewed the TR 79 plans in each county and have determined each plan is current and allows for the efficient operation of special judge assignments in the District. Our district will use judges within the district pursuant to a rotation schedule.
2. **Criminal Rule 2.2:** Our District has reviewed the current Criminal Rule 2.2 plans for the counties in our District. We have determined that the counties in our District currently follow the provisions of Criminal Rules 2.2, 12 and 13.
3. **Leadership:** From among the alternatives suggested to comply with AR 3(B), our District has chosen suggested choice (2): “other specified organization established by the District.” Our district will have a presiding judge to handle the administrative affairs of the District and a District representative to the Board of Directors of the Judicial Conference.
4. **Selection Process for Leadership:** The term for the presiding judge shall be two (2) years. The judge having the most years of service shall serve as the presiding judge of the District, with succession according to seniority. In the event of a tie in years of seniority, the contending judges shall be chosen in alphabetical order. We have selected Judge David Ault as presiding judge of District 11. Any judge may serve as the District representative to the Board of Directors of the Judicial Conference, either by agreement of the judges or by election. The District will not establish term limits for the District representative. We have selected Judge Peggy Lohorn as District representative. She has the authority to vote on behalf of the District.
5. **Number of Meetings:** The District shall meet at least twice a year, preferably in February and August. The presiding judge will host the meetings, unless other arrangements are made.
6. **District Activities:** The Fountain and Warren Circuit Courts have gone together to start a problem solving court, the Bi-County Accountability Court. We will continue to explore sharing judicial resources when more resources become available.
7. **District Rules:** Currently, we have one (1) District rule, DR11-AR5(B)-SJ-01, see attached.
8. **Compliance:** Our District plan complies with the minimum requirements for District governance contemplated by AR 3(B). The judges of District 11 agreed unanimously to this plan on March 1, 2013. It will remain in effect until further notice.