

Proposed Amendment to Indiana Rules of Trial Procedure (January 2023)

\* The proposed amendment to Trial Rule 81.1 would preclude guardianship case types from being given a common case number under the family procedures case consolidation because having a separate "GU" case type for each protected person is necessary for the case to be accessible in the guardianship registry.

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**Rule 81.1. Procedures for Cases Involving Family or Household Members**

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**(B) Type of Cases.** Courts using Family Procedures for a case may exercise jurisdiction over other cases involving the same family or a household member of the family. An individual case to which Family Procedures is being applied may maintain its separate integrity and separate docket number, but may be given a common case number if multiple cases are being heard before one judge. Guardianship (GU) cases may be heard with other cases but may not be consolidated into a common case number and must maintain their "GU" case type designation. Subject to applicable rules and statutes, the individual cases may all be transferred to one judge or may remain in the separate courts in which they were originally filed.

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