

INTRODUCTION TO THE 2026 EDITION

The *Indiana Civil Trial Rule Handbook* contains and annotates the Indiana Jury Rules and Indiana Rules of Trial Procedure, including an appendix to the Indiana Rules of Evidence. This handbook is intended to serve as a one-volume “take it to court” desk reference that complements the 3-volume *Civil Trial Practice* (Vol. 21-22A, *Indiana Practice*) and 8-volume *Rules of Procedure Annotated* (Vol. 1-8, *Indiana Practice*) by providing a quick analysis and reference to important cases, court rules, and statutory requirements for conducting Indiana civil litigation. Changes in this edition include:

- Indiana Supreme Court amendments to Indiana trial rules, jury rules, and rules of evidence through July 1, 2026. There have been several important rule changes in the past year which are addressed in this volume, including the Supreme Court’s January 1, 2026 amendments to Ind. Trial Rules 1, 4.1, 4.6, 4.14, 5, 16, 26, 30, 33, 34, 36, 37, 53, 63, and 81; the Supreme Court’s February 2, 2026 amendments to Ind. Trial Rules 50(A), 53.1, 53.2, and 76; and the Supreme Court’s July 1, 2026 amendment to Evidence Rule 103(b). This volume discusses these rule changes and their impact on Indiana civil litigation.
- Author Comments for each rule, including discussion and citation to key appellate court cases reported through March 15, 2026 that interpret Indiana trial and jury rules.
- Updated discussion of Indiana’s E-Filing System (IEFS) and Ind. Trial. Rules 86, 87 and 88, and the impact these rules have had on conventional filing methods.
- Cross references to Civil Trial Practice (Vols. 21–22A, *Indiana Practice*) and Arthur/Harvey’s Rules of Procedure Annotated (Vols. 1–4, *Indiana Practice*).
- Strategies, practice tips, and key considerations for developing an effective and successful civil litigation plan.