

IndianaDocs Special Committee

Indiana State Bar Association
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Highlight(s) of Accomplishment

- The Indiana Docs Committee continues its efforts to maintain a relevant, and high quality library of forms for use by its subscribers, which are mostly small and solo Indiana lawyers.
- The Committee continues to succeed in its goal of keeping the service fully funded by subscription revenue.

Headwinds the Committee Faces

- Keeping over 250 legal forms up to date with ever changing laws, regulations, and court rules is a labor-intensive effort that requires significant input from subject matter experts. Unfortunately, the committee's efforts to recruit subject matter experts who will participate in this effort have been unsuccessful so far.
- In addition to subject matter experts, maintaining the forms collection also requires some programming expertise. Of course, the programming can be outsourced to third parties at significant expense, which would put the program into significant red ink that the ISBA would be reluctant to fund. To avoid that two committee members have been doing the programming. However, both are not retired lawyers and will not be able to continue to perform that service indefinitely. Accordingly, for the long-term success of the program, it will be necessary to recruit younger members who can both learn the XpressDox programming language, but also devote at least 5 – 10 hours a month to doing the programming tasks.

Council Members/Committee Members

- Committee members:
- Robert L Hartley, Chair
- Maria Matters, Vice-Chair
- Monty Harris

Looking to the Future

- Updating Family Law forms, Real Estate forms, and Wills & Trust forms
- Continue deployment of universal common elements of pleadings (caption, signature blocks, certificates of service, affirmations, etc.) across all pleading forms
- Create online CLE presentation on probating an estate using the IndianaDocs forms library.
- Create multiple short (2 minute) help videos addressing specific elements of IndianaDocs.

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