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***Clerk of Courts David C. Lewis Announces
Indiana Appellate Briefs Now Available Online through Westlaw***

INDIANAPOLIS – David C. Lewis, the Clerk of the Indiana Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, and Tax Court, is pleased to announce that briefs filed in civil cases in the Indiana Court of Appeals and in civil and criminal cases in the Indiana Supreme Court are now available to attorneys and the public via the Internet. This service is made available through Westlaw, the online research division of Thomson West Corporation. Westlaw subscribers have several options for adding this service to their current subscriptions. Individuals who are not Westlaw subscribers may access the service with a credit card, paying on a per-use basis.

Indiana Briefs may now be accessed in two Westlaw databases: The IN-APP-BRIEF database contains briefs from current and recent civil cases in the Indiana Court of Appeals. The IN-BRIEF-ALL database contains briefs from the Court of Appeals and Supreme Court. It is anticipated that Westlaw will release a separate database for Indiana Supreme Court briefs when a sufficient number of such briefs has been converted to digital form. Westlaw also expects that in time, its library of briefs will include cases disposed of by the appellate courts from the 1990s forward. Briefs in sealed cases and cases involving juveniles will not be included in the databases.

The briefs are presented both in a fully searchable format and as a PDF image of the original document. The fully searchable version will be configured to include links to cases cited, to the opinion(s) in the case, and to other briefs by the same attorney. Users of the service will also be able to check the citations in the brief to determine if the cases cited remain good law.

“West’s online briefs project takes us another step closer to providing the public with greater access to court records,” said Clerk David Lewis. “We applaud West’s commitment to this project. Not only does it provide Indiana’s attorneys with a significant new tool, but it promotes our office’s goal of openness and accountability in the judicial system.”

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