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IN THE BLACKFORD CIRCUIT COURT

IN RE PROPER COURTROOM
ATTIRE

CASE NO. 05C01-1408-CB-000005

**ORDER DIRECTING PROPER ATTIRE BE WORN
BY TODD A. GLICKFIELD**

The matter of Lindsey Lange and William Lange, Case Number 05C01-1407-DR-049 comes before the Court for provisional hearing on August 22, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. The petitioner, Lindsey Lange, appears in person and by legal counsel, Robert G. Forbes. The respondent, William Lange, appears in person and by legal counsel, Todd A. Glickfield. Comes now the Court and observes during the presentation of testimony that Todd A. Glickfield, legal counsel for the respondent was not wearing socks upon his feet. Counsel was otherwise appropriately dressed.

During a break in the proceedings the Court advised Attorney Glickfield privately that he was not appropriately dressed as required by Local Rule, and that the Court would insist upon him wearing socks should he choose to present cases in the Blackford Circuit Court in the future. Attorney Glickfield advised the Court that "I hate socks" and that he's had "this conversation with other judges in other courts," and that unless the Judge of the Blackford Circuit Court could show him

applicable "orders or other legal authority" he would continue his habit of appearing sockless in court.

Comes now the Court and now finds as follows:

1. That a Court has inherent powers to maintain appropriate decorum in matters that come before the Court. Decorum is especially important when members of the public are engaged in litigation, or as spectators in proceedings before the Court.
2. That Blackford County Local Rule of Court LR05-AR00-2(A) states in relevant part "attorneys shall be punctual and dressed in appropriate business attire when appearing in court."
3. That Blackford County Local Rule of Court LR05-AR00-2(A) was first approved by the Indiana Supreme Court effective January 1, 2010.
4. That the Indiana Supreme Court is considered by this Court to have "legal authority" to adopt and/or approve rules.
5. That the Blackford Circuit Court considers socks to constitute a part of "appropriate business attire" for male members of the bar presenting cases before the Court.
6. That this Court requires all attorneys appearing before it to observe the same rules of decorum that the Court is insisting Attorney Glickfield observe.
7. That Attorney Glickfield is directed to never again appear for a legal proceeding in the Blackford Circuit Court unless he is entirely clad in "appropriate business attire" which includes socks upon his feet. The Court also observes that on occasion Mr. Glickfield has appeared in past proceedings without wearing a tie and while wearing an open-collared shirt.
8. That should Attorney Glickfield appear at any future proceeding before the Blackford Circuit Court without appropriate business attire he will be subject to sanctions from the Court which may

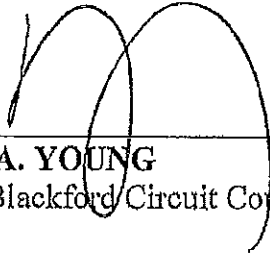
include a delay ordered by the Court in presenting his case, fines, continuances of pending proceeding for which costs, fees and expenses may be awarded opposing parties and/or their counsel, or such other sanctions for contempt that the Court may impose in order to maintain appropriate decorum during Court proceedings.

9. That this rule shall apply to Attorney Glickfield during all legal proceedings in the Blackford Circuit Court, and regardless of whether the proceeding is presided over by the regular judge of the Court, or a special, senior or pro tem judge selected to preside in the regular judge's absence.

10. That the Clerk of the Blackford Circuit Court shall cause a copy of this order to be distributed to all members of the Blackford County Bar, as well as to Attorney Todd A. Glickfield.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Todd A. Glickfield observe the Local Rule of the Blackford circuit Court with respect to appropriate business attire, subject to the contempt powers of the Court.

So ordered this 21 day of August, 2014.



DEAN A. YOUNG
Judge, Blackford Circuit Court

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