

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED LOCAL RULE CHANGES**

On February 21, 2012, the Judges of the Franklin County Common Pleas Court adopted the following amendments to Local Rule 76 regulating the "TIES Program" (Drug Court). Comments may be submitted before these changes become permanent, pursuant to Sup. R. 5(A).

Comments should be submitted by **Monday, April 30, 2012** to:

Judge Richard A. Frye  
Chair, Local Rules Committee  
Courtroom 5F, 345 S. High Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

with a copy to:

Judge Patrick E. Sheeran  
TIES Program Judge  
Courtroom 4A, 345 S. High Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

**76.01 Creation of Specialized Docket, "The TIES Program."** There is hereby created in the Court in its criminal division, a specialized docket for the handling of convictions of **third**, fourth, and fifth degree non-violent felonies and first degree misdemeanors that are recognized to have occurred because of alcohol or other drugs and/or co-occurring mental and substance abuse disorders. This specialized docket shall be named "Treatment is Essential to Success" and **shall be** known as the "TIES Program." Persons sentenced to community control who qualify for the TIES program will be supervised by a judge, known as the TIES Program Judge, reporting to that judge on a frequent basis, along with other TIES Program participants.  
[Local Rules 76.02, 76.03, and 76.04 remain unchanged.]

**76.05 Eligibility Criteria for TIES Program Admission.**

**A.** Potential TIES Program participants may enter the program on new charges, a probation violation or as a condition of judicial release. In any of these situations, the original charge may not be an offense of violence as defined in R.C. 2901.01, with the exception of domestic violence, which must be determined on a case-by-case basis, nor may it be a sexually oriented offense. The original charge(s) must be of no higher level than a felony of the third degree, and the conviction must be to a **third**, fourth, or fifth degree felony or a first degree misdemeanor.  
[The remainder of Local Rule 76.05 remains unchanged. Local Rules 76.06 through 76.14 remain unchanged.]