## THE BRIEF

## November 2019

An electronic update for the legal community providing a brief look at news in Eau Claire County Courts.

**eFiling Update** ~ Voluntary eFiling is currently under way for Temporary Restraining Orders. These will become mandatory by the end of December 2019.

## **Resources available in Clerk of Courts office:**

<u>Self Help Center</u> ~ A 4-sided tower of forms and instructions available without cost located in the lobby of the Clerk of Courts office. The most popular forms utilized in the COC office are for post-divorce actions (D.10-12), restraining orders (A.1-6), forms for filing of small claims cases (C.1-22), change of address requests (B.1), Traffic/Ordinance Not Guilty plea (A.8), and Petition for Court Appointed Attorney (B-18). Each side of the tower has forms for specific case types along with some general forms.

<u>Pamphlets and Guides</u> ~ Safe at Home, Landlord-Tenant Guide, Restraining Orders in WI guide, and Guide to Appellate Procedure, Expungement, Underage Alcohol Program, and Excessive Intoxication Program.

<u>Clerk staff</u> ~ Clerks are committed to assisting you. They are specialized by case type, work closely with the Court and supporting agencies, timely process information/documents and provide access to court records.

## **NEW FACES WITHIN EAU CLAIRE COUNTY COURTS:**

**District Attorney:** Lisa Valk (front desk); Attorneys Afton Lewis, Andrew Gunderson,

& Robert Stoiber (11/11/19)

**State Public Defender Attorneys:** Randall Keys and Karl Schmidt

**Community Service Coordinator:** Aimee Drivas

**Pretrial Screening Specialist:** James Deziel

**TRY Mediation Director:** Travis Quella starting 11/18/19

**Veterans Day Nov. 11:** Honoring All Who Served. WI Veterans Museum located in Madison. Free admission and open Tuesday-Saturday. Hear, see, and feel their stories. What you won't do is forget them.

**Thanksgiving Nov. 28:** A great time to be thankful and appreciate who you have and what you have. We are thankful Eau Claire County has a great community of people working together toward a common goal.