

THE BRIEF

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

COVID-19 and the Courts

In light of the Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19), the business of the courts has changed in order to minimize community spread of the virus. This issue is dedicated to providing the legal community with the resources needed to assist with access to the Courts during this pandemic.

The Eau Claire County Circuit Courts have issued several temporary Orders which can be viewed through links on the Clerk of Courts homepage at <https://www.co.eau-claire.wi.us/departments/departments-a-k/clerk-of-courts>.

The COVID-19 Orders issued by the Wisconsin Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals can be viewed at wicourts.gov on the COVID-19 tab.

Remote Appearance Information

Due to the Supreme Court Order limiting in-person hearings across the state, Eau Claire County has implemented options for remote appearance.

Telephonic Hearings: Arranged by the Judicial Assistant for each Judge and the Court Commissioner. The Judicial Assistant will provide the appropriate phone numbers to call and information needed for telephonic appearances not utilizing the Zoom application.

Zoom Hearings: Zoom is an online meeting tool that can be used to schedule and host court hearings. Parties may appear either via video or by phone. Information for each hearing being held by Zoom is available on the Notice of Hearing generated by the Judicial Assistant.

Some court hearings which are held via Zoom, may also be live streamed through dedicated YouTube channels for each Branch. The link for these hearings can be found on wicourts.gov on the live stream courts tab.

The phone number to reach the Judicial Assistant for each Branch and the Commissioner can be found at https://www.wicourts.gov/contact/Circuit_Courts.html.

Access to the Clerk of Courts

Due to COVID-19 we are asking the public to speak with someone in our office via PHONE or EMAIL PRIOR to coming in person to the Courthouse. Our phone directory can be found on our [homepage](#). We can also be reached via email at EauClaire.Info@wicourts.gov. We continue to process filings, both paper and electronic, in a timely manner.

Staff Change

After 23 years of service to the Eau Claire County Courts, Deputy Clerk Supervisor Laura Yohn resigned effective April 24th. Laura and her husband Ron are relocating to Pensacola, Florida! Laura will be missed by everyone in the court system! (Christie Knutson has been promoted to replace Laura in the Clerk of Courts office)

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