

# 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 Eau Claire County Circuit Courts

### Update July 1, 2020

The Eau Claire County Taskforce has been working on a plan to resume in-person appearances including jury trials. Once their recommendation is complete, it will be forwarded for approval to the Chief Judge for the 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, Maureen Boyle, prior to implementation.

### Commercial Docket

Beginning July 1, 2020 the 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, which includes Eau Claire County, will begin accepting commercial docket filings. The case will stay in the proper county in which you file and the Judge will be randomly assigned. The commercial docket court Judges for the 10<sup>th</sup> District are Judge Nordstrand, Judge Schumacher, and Judge Waterman. For more information, please go to: <https://www.wicourts.gov/services/attorney/comcourt-pilot.htm>

- Resources
- Required forms – be advised that you must submit form CV-950 (Commercial Docket Cover Sheet) when filing a qualifying case or by a defendant when filing a responsive pleading
- Class Codes with definitions to ensure correct use
- Court decisions
- Docket Court Judges

This will provide you with information on:

### Small Claims Update

Small Claims Return Dates including mandatory mediation will continue to be held utilizing remote technology due to social distancing requirements and space limitations within the Courthouse. Please call the Clerk of Courts with any questions at 715-839-4816.

### Staff Changes

Assistant District Attorney, Lorelee Clark will be retiring from the District Attorney's office in July

### Traffic and Ordinance Case Update

In-person appearances for general traffic court will not resume in July or into August. Those who have been issued citations with a court date of July 14 through August 14, will be sent a letter regarding their options of how to handle their citation(s). Individuals who were issued an OWI 1<sup>st</sup> citation, or those with a return date after having had a pre-trial conference with the prosecuting agency, can appear by Zoom for their court date starting on July 14, 2020. Communication regarding the new Zoom hearing will be sent out as soon as possible. Please contact Stephanie Campbell in our office with any questions: 715-839-1865.

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