

# 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 Status Update

- The majority of hearings continue to be held using remote technology via Zoom by phone or video.
- Reminder that requests for in-person hearings must be made in writing to the Judge a minimum of 3 days prior to the hearing date. If request is denied, the Court hearing will be remote by video or phone.
- Remember that court appearances whether in person or remote, require you to abide by the Standards of Courtesy and Decorum as outlined in Supreme Court Rule Chapter 62 including (1)(e) "...dress in a manner showing proper respect for the court, the proceedings and the law".
- There is now a room available for criminal defendants to utilize for Zoom appearances when they don't have a phone. Specific criteria **MUST** be met in order for them to utilize this room. Criteria as follows:
  - **ONLY** when defendants show up at the courthouse and **don't** have a phone (most likely during 11:00 Initial Appearances)
  - Criminal Case Defendants Only at this time
  - Only one person in the room at a time due to social distancing requirements
  - Defendant should report to Clerk of Courts to request use of the room. Supervisor will assist.

## Court Appointed Attorney & GAL Invoice payments

Patience is appreciated when waiting for payment of Court Appointed and Guardian Ad Litem Attorney invoices. Delays can be expected as staff throughout the county continue to work remotely due to COVID.

## Courtroom Technology Reminder

If you have an in person hearing or trial and wish to utilize any courtroom technology, please contact a supervisor in the Clerk of Courts to set up a test run prior to your hearing/trial date to ensure proper connections etc. Available technology can be found on the [Clerk of Courts website](#).

**NEW STAFF**

**CLERK OF COURTS**  
COURTNEY WIEMER, CRIMINAL COURT CLERK  
TAYLOR WEIDMAN, CIVIL DOCKET CLERK (BEGINS NOV. 16)

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**  
SEAN FROELICH, ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
EMMELINE LEE, ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY

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