

# 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**

On 5/28/2021 the Eau Claire County Circuit Court issued a [Revised Operating Plan](#) which includes a revised jury plan and revised circuit court operating plan. Of special interest is that facial masks are no longer required on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor for individuals who have been vaccinated. Unvaccinated individuals are required to wear facial masks. **All** individuals involved with jury trials **are** required to wear facial masks.

### **Hearings by Zoom**

At this time there are many hearings currently scheduled by Zoom and several types of hearings that have been identified as practical to be held by Zoom for efficiency and practicality. Some of these include:

#### Civil & Family

Name Change Hearings  
Family Order to Show Cause and  
Temporary Order hearings with the Court  
Commissioner.  
Small Claims Initial Appearances  
Scheduling and Status Conferences

#### Criminal & Traffic

Arraignments  
Status Conferences  
Bond Hearings  
OWI – 1st

\*Please read your notices carefully to determine appearance information.

### **Branch 6 Courtroom Construction**

Construction of the Branch 6 courtroom is set to begin this month. It will be located at the West end of the second floor by the District Attorney's office.

### **Mandatory E-filing Reminder**

All attorneys are required to e-file and may not submit filings through any means except the e-filing system per E-filing Rule 801.18(2)(c) which states:

*"Electronic filing shall be required for all new actions brought in circuit court and for all new documents submitted in previously filed cases, except as otherwise provided in this section."*

Clerks process all e-filings within 6 hours of receipt, so please allow sufficient time for processing prior to any scheduled hearings.

### **Courtroom Technology Needs**

Please remember to contact our office prior to the day of your hearing with all courtroom technology requests, including your ability to play audio/video files. Available technology and information can be found on our [website](#).

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