

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

A Memo regarding In-person/Zoom Hearing Rules was sent out to criminal court practitioners and staff from Presiding Judge Schumacher on June 22, 2021. This outlines some bright line rules to be followed going forward.

We are currently able to utilize the jury rooms in Branch 2 and Branch 3, rather than the courtroom as the jury room. Trials held in the Branch 1 and Branch 4 courtrooms, will utilize the courtroom or the law library as the jury room.

Eviction Moratorium

Effective June 29, 2021 the CDC extended the [Order Regarding the Temporary Halt in Residential Evictions](#) through July 31, 2021. This is intended to be the final extension of the moratorium.

Appellate Court E-filing

On July 1, 2021 E-filing became mandatory for attorneys who file in the Court of Appeals. See the [Interim Court Rule Governing Electronic Filing in the Supreme Court](#). For additional information, see the [Appellate e-filing site](#).

Fingerprint Room

Due to staffing shortages, the Fingerprint Room is only open two days per week on alternating days at this time. Defendants are advised to call for hours, prior to coming to the courthouse.

Resumption of Free Legal Clinic

The Eau Claire County Bar Association, hopes to resume the free legal clinic in July. Due to the renovations underway at the LE Phillips Memorial Public Library, the clinic will be temporarily relocated to Chippewa Valley Technical College main building, Room 103. This will take place the third Wednesday of each month from 6:30 p.m – 8:00 p.m.

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