

# 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**

Effective July 30, 2021, Eau Claire County now requires masks for entry into the building.

Beginning August 2, 2021, Criminal Intake will be in person by default. Check your notice of hearing for further direction. Requests for remote appearance, must be made in writing at least 5 business days prior to the hearing.

### **Eviction Moratorium**

The eviction moratorium ended on Saturday, July 31, 2021.

### **Staff Changes**

#### **District Attorneys Office:**

Assistant District Attorney Monica Fallon began in June.

Assistant District Attorney Crystal Jensen accepted a full-time position in Jackson County in July.

District Attorney Gary King's resignation is effective August 14th.

#### **Public Defender's Office:**

Attorney Trenton Piltz and Attorney Zebulon Patek began in June.

#### **TRY Mediation Office:**

Travis Quella resigned as Director and Todd Johnson was hired as his replacement in July.

### **Second Floor Security Screening**

This summer has seen a huge increase in the number of individuals being screened onto the second floor. This is due in large part to the increase of in-person hearings and the resumption of jury trials. For example, January and February saw an average of 1,475 per month, June and July saw an average of 3,800 per month!

### **Branch 6 Courtroom Construction**

Reminder that you may notice some construction noise when in the hallways near the Branch 3 and Commissioner's courtrooms.

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