

THE BRIEF

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An electronic update for the legal community providing a brief look at news in Eau Claire County Courts

Counsel Accepting County Appointments

Just a few reminders regarding the guidelines for billing of county appointment services:

- Billings should include case caption, case number, attorney name and address.
- Travel can only be charged if over 50 miles **one way** at rate of \$25/hour or mileage at current federal rate
- Expenses must be itemized and invoice submitted along with bill for services
- Judicial approval is required before hiring an expert or private investigator
- Bills should be submitted quarterly while a case is pending and within 30 days of final hearing

Branch 6 Update

The Branch 6 Judge will be elected during the Spring 2022 election. The new Judge's term will begin on August 1, 2022 and they will preside over their first session of intake beginning September 19, 2022.

Once the new courtroom is completed, there will be a rotation of courtrooms among the current Judges. Watch for these courtroom changes in a future edition of The Brief.

Staff Changes

New Assistant District Attorneys:

- Attorney Trenton Piltz began on October 25, 2021
- Attorney Matthew Kirkpatrick will begin on November 22, 2021

Courtroom Audio/Video Recording

You will notice signage in each courtroom communicating to all about electronic recording. This includes court reporter, digital audio recording (DAR), and security video recording.

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