

# THE BRIEF

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

## **Commissioner Novak Retirement**

Court Commissioner Nathan Novak is retiring on May 6<sup>th</sup> after serving almost 10 years as the Eau Claire County Court Commissioner. His career with Eau Claire County began in March of 2000 as Assistant Corporation Counsel. Prior to that, he worked as legal counsel for the City of Eau Claire as well as in private practice. His thoughtful decisions, calm demeanor and sense of humor will be greatly missed by everyone who has had the pleasure of working with him over the years. We wish him nothing but the best in his retirement!

Attorney Wendy Sue Johnson has been appointed to serve as Eau Claire County Court Commissioner, effective June 6<sup>th</sup>. More to come in the June edition.

## **Addressing Jurors**

All parties should address jurors/prospective jurors in a non-gender conforming way by utilizing their full name (first and last), or by addressing them as Juror [Last Name] (e.g. Juror Smith).

## **Posting Cash Bonds or Bail Money in the Jail Kiosk**

When someone is depositing funds into the kiosk located in the jail lobby for an incarcerated person, any payer information does not transfer with that deposit. The funds are deposited into a financial account in the jail system for the incarcerated person. Often, people make a deposit into that kiosk with the intent to post a cash bond or to provide bail money for an incarcerated person. If the jail issues a check to the Clerk of Courts office from the incarcerated person's account to pay for a cash bond or bail, that check is provided using the name of the defendant. If there is a refund of all or part of the cash bond or bail, it will be in the form of a check payable to the incarcerated person.

## **Walk in Warrants**

Defendants must first appear in the District Attorney's Office. The DA's Office will then communicate to the Clerk's Office, who will schedule the case(s) for the judge to see on their dashboard. Please do not appear in intake with your client without first going to the DA's Office.

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