

THE BRIEF

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

Interpreters for Court Proceedings

- The Clerk of Court office is responsible for scheduling Interpreters for all Court Proceedings, as well as for Court Ordered Mediation
- Notify the Clerk of Court office as soon as you are aware of the need for an interpreter.
 - We need the language, as well as a dialect if applicable (i.e., Chinese-Mandarin or Chinese – Cantonese, etc.)
 - If you have a client who is deaf, we need to know if they need an ASL interpreter or an ASL-Deaf interpreter
 - The Clerk will make the language change in the court record, which triggers a scheduling need for an interpreter for court hearings/trials.
 - As you look at the electronic record, you will be able to see when an interpreter is assigned as it will be next to the scheduled activity.
- Interpreters charge a 2-hour minimum for all scheduled appointments
- Interpreters require a 48-business-hour cancellation notice. Less than 48 hours, and we are billed for the full 2 hours.
- Interpreters charge \$60-\$100+ per hour for their services.
- If you have a client who requires an interpreter and they will not be appearing at a scheduled hearing, please notify the Clerk of Court office at least 3 days prior to the hearing so we can timely cancel interpreter services.
- The courts are directed to utilize state certified interpreters for all court hearings. A portion of the state court grant reimburses counties a portion of the cost providing we use state certified interpreters.
- If you are in need of an interpreter outside of the court system, you do not have to use state certified interpreters.
 - The courts do not pay for these sessions.
 - If you don't have a personal list of interpreters to use, you may find some at: www.wicourts.gov > Services > for Interpreters > Search for an Interpreter
- The [Circuit Court Language Access Plan \(LEP\)](#) can be found on the Clerk of Court website [Quick Links page](#).



District Attorney's Office

New Legal Specialists: Tanner Monette, Jamie Krause, and Alynia Froelich

New Assistant District Attorneys: Holly Rockow and Dustin Rockow

Assistant District Attorney Monica Fallon is leaving to join Dane County as a judicial staff attorney. Her last day is April 12th.

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