

# THE BRIEF

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## **Judicial Retirement**

The Honorable Michael A. Schumacher has announced his healthy retirement from the bench effective August 9, 2024. Judge Schumacher was born and raised in Hudson, Wisconsin. He earned his bachelor's degree from St. Cloud State University in 1978 and his Juris Doctorate from the University of Nebraska College of Law in 1981. He practiced civil litigation from 1981 to 2007 with the Herrick and Hart law firm in Eau Claire. Governor Jim Doyle then appointed Judge Schumacher to preside over Eau Claire County Circuit Court Branch 2 following the passing of Judge Eric Wahl. He has served on and chaired many local and statewide committees and had the pleasure of presiding over drug treatment courts for a dozen years. Judge Schumacher has been the presiding administrative judge for Eau Claire County since the retirement of Judge William Gabler in 2018. Judge Schumacher feels blessed to have worked with exceptional judicial colleagues and court staff and will miss them sorely. He looks forward to spending more time with family, traveling, and engaging in a wide variety of recreational activities.

## **E-filing Fee Increase**

Effective May 1, 2024 the e-filing fee for each case electronically filed, will increase to \$35 per party and \$70 for attorney-mediators.

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