# THE BRIEF

## August 2024

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

### **Judicial Appointment**

Eau Claire Assistant City Attorney Doug Hoffer has been appointed to Circuit Court Branch 2, which is being vacated by retiring Judge Schumacher whose last day is August 9<sup>th</sup>. Judge-Appoint Hoffer's formal investiture will be held on August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30 PM in the County Board Room with a reception to follow. All are welcome to attend.

### **Courtroom Shifting**

With the retirement of Judge Schumacher, Judge Long will be relocating to his courtroom/chambers. Judge Harless will then be relocating to Judge Long's courtroom/chambers, and Judge Wickstrom will be relocating to Judge Harless' courtroom/chambers. Judge-Appoint Hoffer will then be located in what is currently Judge Wickstrom's courtroom/chambers. Building signage will be updated as shifting occurs in August, hopefully with minimal confusion.

### **Presiding Judge**

As you may know, Judge Long will be the new Eau Claire County Presiding Judge effective August 10<sup>th</sup>. Judge Schumacher will continue in that role until his retirement on August 9<sup>th</sup>.





- Branch 2 Court Reporter Kassie Beebe will be transferring to Dunn County effective August 10th.
- Judge-Appoint Hoffer's court reporter position is currently posted and open for applications.
- Diana Rodriguez will be a part-time Court Reporter in Branch 5.
- Lindsay Holm will be a part-time Court Reporter in Branch 1.

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