

THE BRIEF

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

Court Appointed Counsel

Helpful Tips & Info:

Billing Rates:

Prior to January 1, 2020, the hourly rate was \$70.00. The rate increased to \$100.00 for work on or after January 1, 2020.

This cannot include time spent by the paralegal/associate.

Travel:

Can only be charged if over 50 miles one way from the courthouse either at the rate of \$25 per hour or mileage at the current Federal rate.

Expenses:

Allowable expenses include photocopies, long distance phone calls, photographs used as exhibits, copies of medical records and witness fees. All expenses must be itemized, and an invoice submitted along with the billing for reimbursement.

Out of state or long distance witness's appearance and expert witnesses:

Must come before the judge for approval. Judicial approval is required before hiring a private investigator and requesting transcripts.

Misc. Other notes for bills:

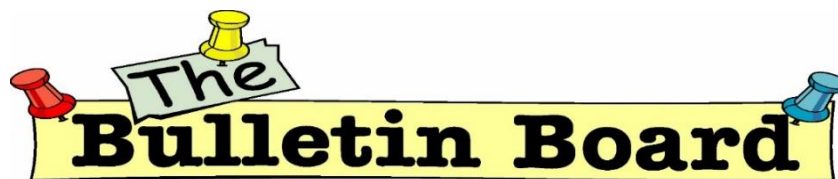
Case caption and case number are to be included on each bill. Attorney name and address should also be included on each bill.

All bills must be itemized: what, when and how long or how much.

Bills should be submitted within 30 days of final hearing and quarterly while a case is pending.

Bills should be submitted to the Clerk of Courts.

Eau Claire County is on a monthly accounts payable system with checks issued and mailed by the last Friday of the month. Bills submitted before the previous Friday of the month will be paid that month. Any billings submitted after that will be paid the following month.



ADA Ellen Anderson resigned effective February 14.

Mary Bader retiring, effective March 6.

Trish Boltz-Lambert promoted to Deputy Court Clerk in Clerk of Court office.

Christie Knutson promoted to Deputy Clerk Supervisor as of March 2 replacing Laura Yohn.

Jody Hagman will begin in the COC office on March 9 as Deputy Clerk at the front counter.

Tiffany Winter will begin in the DA's office on March 30 as an Assistant District Attorney.

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