

# THE BRIEF

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

## **COVID-19 and the Courts**

### **Update June 1, 2020**

- One door to the Eau Claire County Courthouse will be open to the public at the Oxford Avenue entrance beginning June 1, 2020.
- Everyone entering the building must wear a mask for the duration of their visit.
- The county has a limited supply of face masks to provide to the public upon entrance to the Courthouse. Attorneys are expected to wear their own mask if an in person appearance is required. They are also to assure their clients wear a mask.
- A Stakeholders Committee has been created to develop phase-in plans for re-opening the courts to include resuming in person hearings and jury trials.
- The majority of hearings continue to be held remotely utilizing Zoom.
- The Clerk of Courts office remains open to accept payments, filings and for open records requests in compliance with Wisconsin Statute 59.20(3)(a). A phone call or email is preferred prior to a visit to determine if an in-person visit is necessary.
- Many options are available for electronic payments and filings and there is a great deal of procedural information available on the [Clerk of Courts website](#).
- Eviction filings are now being accepted due to the expiration of Governor Evers Temporary Order banning evictions and foreclosures. All eviction hearings will be held by Zoom until further notice.

### **NEW STAFF MEMBERS**

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