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Public Attendance at Court Hearings

The Outagamie County Circuit Courts are issuing this general notice, described in greater detail below, to provide direction and procedure as it relates to Court operations in response to the recent outbreak of Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19).

On March 17, 2020 the Director of State Courts issued AB 20-06 directing that circuit courts reduce court hearings to essential functions only. The directive is that the circuit courts remain open to the public but will only have limited critical day-to-day functions available.

On March 22, 2020, the Supreme Court of Wisconsin issued an Order related to “Remote Hearings during the Covid-19 Pandemic”. In this order, they **suspended all in-person proceedings in circuit courts**. All parties for all court appearances are to appear via phone, teleconferencing, video conferencing in lieu of in-person courtroom appearances.

Court hearings, as applicable, will remain open to the public or others to attend. However, in light of the Supreme Court of Wisconsin Order of March 22, 2020, any members of the public or media who wish to attend are required to do so via phone or video means. If any party wishes to attend a court hearing, they must contact the assigned court at the time of the hearing to be allowed to hear/view the proceedings.

Br. 1 – Hon. Mark McGinnis (920) 832-5152

Br. 2 – Hon. Emily Lonergan (920) 832-5153

Br. 3 – Hon. Mitch Metropulos (920) 832-5245

Br. 4 – Hon. Gregory Gill Jr. (920) 832-5602

Br. 5 – Hon. Carrie Schneider (920) 832-1550

Br. 6 – Hon. Vince Biskupic (920) 832-6038

Br. 7 – Hon. John DesJardins (920) 832-4727

Court Comm. Brian Figy (920) 832-5093

Family Court Hearings - (920) 832-5057

Small Claims matters - (920) 832-5093

These policies are emergency and temporary in nature. They are subject to future revision but effective from the date of this order until at least May 22, 2020, and likely thereafter.

Dated this 26th day of March, 2020.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Carrie A. Schneider". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "C".

Hon. Carrie A. Schneider
Circuit Court, Branch V
Presiding Judge, Outagamie County