RESCINDING COVID-19 CIRCUIT COURT OPERATIONAL PLAN AND JURY TRIAL PLAN - DANE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

ORDER

WHEREAS, on May 21, 2021, the Wisconsin Supreme Court terminated the following orders relating to circuit courts' operational plans: In re the Matter of Jury Trials During the COVID-19 Pandemic—Amended (S. Ct. Order issued March 22, 2020; Amended April 15, 2020); and Interim Rule 20-02; and In re the Matter of the Extension of Orders and the Interim Rule Concerning Continuation of Jury Trials, Suspension of Statutory Deadlines for Non-Criminal Jury Trials, and Remote Hearings During the COVID-19 Pandemic (Amended Order) (S. Ct. Order issued October 1, 2020).

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Supreme Court "no longer requires that personal masking, social distancing, and sanitizing court facilities be part of any plan for circuit court and municipal court proceedings approved by the chief judge of the applicable judicial district. Instead, circuit courts and municipal courts, with the approval of the applicable chief judge, shall make county-wide decisions about what is in the best interest of circuit court and municipal court operations, respectively. This includes deciding whether or not to continue to require masking, social distancing, and sanitizing court facilities on a county by county basis."

WHEREAS on May 28, 2021, pursuant to the order of the Wisconsin Supreme Court dated May 21, 2021, the Presiding Judge of Dane County Circuit court has requested approval to rescind the Dane County Circuit Court's operational and jury trial plans;

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED the Dane County Circuit Court's operational and jury trial plans are hereby rescinded effective the date of this order.

Dated this 1st day of June, 2021.

/s/electronically signed V.L. Bailey-Rihn

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Honorable Valerie Bailey-Rihn

Presiding Judge, Dane County Circuit Court

Dated this May of June, 2021.

Honorable Thomas Vale

Chief Judge, Fifth Judicial Administrative District