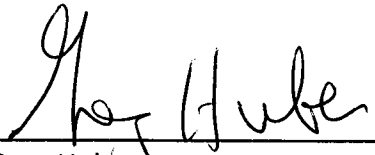


**ORDER APPROVING REPEAL  
of  
OPERATIONAL PLAN IN FLORENCE COUNTY**

Pursuant to the Wisconsin Supreme Order dated May 21, 2021, and at the request of the Hon. Leon Stenz, Presiding Judge in Florence County, for the repeal of Florence County's May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Operational Plan as being in the best interest of the residents of Florence County, it is hereby ordered that the Operational Plan is repealed.

Effective this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021.

  
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Hon. Greg Huber  
Chief Judge, 9<sup>th</sup> Judicial District



**HONORABLE LEON D. STENZ**  
**CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE**  
**FOREST COUNTY**



May 28, 2021

Chief Judge Greg Huber  
 Marathon County Courthouse  
 500 Forest Street  
 Wausau, WI 54403

Via Email Only

Re: Florence and Forest Counties Operation Plan

Dear Judge Huber,

In light of the Wisconsin Supreme Court order dated May 21, 2021, I request that the Forest County Operational Plan ( approved 5/13/21) and the Florence County Operational Plan (approved 5/10/21), as well as all prior plans, be rescinded .

Newly confirmed cases of COVID 19 has declined in both Forest and Florence County and the vaccination program have been well underway for some time.

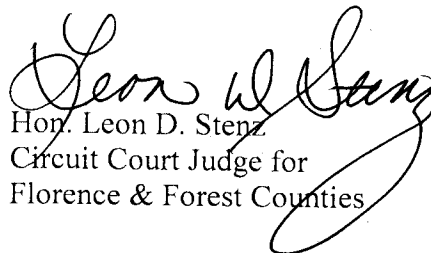
As you are aware, we have struggled to find ways to comply with the prior Supreme Court order and meet the conditions required to return fully to in-court proceedings. As small counties with only one courtroom and limited available space, jury selections was particularly problematic.

It is my belief that it is in the best interests of the Court system and the citizens of Forest and Florence Counties that the Operational Plan and all prior plans be rescinded. By rescinding the Operational Plans, the costs to the Counties to comply will be reduced and the confusion and inefficiencies will be minimized.

I am cognizant of the potential for lingering concerns of individual litigants and citizens. I believe that on a local level I can best determine to what extent and in what circumstances the appropriate safety precautions should be employed.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Very truly yours,

  
 Hon. Leon D. Stenz  
 Circuit Court Judge for  
 Florence & Forest Counties

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