

IN RE THE MATTER OF THE FILING OF COURT
DOCUMENTS IN CIRCUIT AND APPELLATE COURTS
(TEMPORARY MAILBOX RULE)

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Clerk of Supreme Court
Madison, WI

You are hereby notified that the Court has issued the following order, which terminates and supersedes those portions of the Court's orders of May 22, 2020 regarding the filing of documents in the circuit courts and appellate courts during the COVID-19 pandemic:

WHEREAS the Supreme Court has administrative and superintending authority over the courts and judicial system of this state and a duty to promote the efficient and effective operation of the state's judicial system, Wis. Const. Art. VII, § 3; In re Kading, 70 Wis. 2d 508, 519-20, 235 N.W.2d 409 (1976); and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court issued a number of orders intended to minimize in-person filings and proceedings during the COVID-19 pandemic, including two May 22, 2020 orders¹ that extended an April 13, 2020 amended order entitled "In re the Matter of Filing of Court Documents in Circuit and Appellate Courts (Temporary Mailbox Rule)" for filings in both the circuit court and the appellate courts; and

WHEREAS, the number of newly confirmed cases of COVID-19 has decreased significantly as the number of vaccinated individuals has increased in Wisconsin, and the United

¹ The two orders were entitled "In re the Matter of the Extension of Orders and Interim Rule Concerning Continuation of Jury Trials, Suspension of Statutory Deadlines for Non-Criminal Jury Trials, and Remote Hearings During the COVID-19 Pandemic" and "In re the Matter of the Extension of Orders Concerning Remote Administration of Oaths at Depositions, Remote Hearings in Appellate Courts, Filing of Documents in Appellate Courts, and Appellate Court Operations During the COVID-19 Pandemic."

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States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention declared on May 16, 2021, that "[f]ully vaccinated people can resume activities without wearing a mask or physically distancing," thereby causing the Court to re-examine the restrictions that the Court has previously placed on court proceedings, including appellate court operations, due to the pandemic; and

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, pursuant to this court's administrative and superintending authority, the portions of this Court's May 22, 2020 orders extending the April 13, 2020 order "In re the Matter of Filing of Court Documents in Circuit and Appellate Courts (Temporary Mailbox Rule)" are hereby terminated for all circuit and appellate courts as of 11:59 p.m. on June 30, 2021.

The State Bar of Wisconsin shall take all reasonable steps to notify its members of the contents of this order. In addition, a copy of this order shall be posted on the court system website, www.wicourts.gov.