

## CIRCUIT COURT ORDER

## IN THE MATTER OF RESPONSE TO COVID -19

Pursuant to a March 16, 2020, order from the Chief Judge for the Ninth Judicial District and considering the declaration of a public health emergency due to COVID-19 by the Governor, the Director of State Courts' Administrative Bulletins 20-03 and 20-04 and the need to maintain essential court procedures while working to protect the health and safety of victims, defendants, litigants, attorneys, witnesses, jurors, court staff and the general public; the Court issues this following order effective forthwith:

- Nonessential jury trials will be postponed, so as to limit the risk exposure of members of the jury pool, attorneys, parties and court personnel to the virus.
- The Court will liberally grant and encourage continuances for nonessential court hearings and appearances.
- Video and telephonic appearances will be encouraged and used where possible and lawful.
- Treatment court procedures will be reviewed in light of social distancing recommendations.
- Intake for traffic, criminal court, child support, and small claims, have a heightened potential of exposing the public to the virus due to the number of participants, the social closeness, and the time that the participants are in close proximity with other participants. Where practical, actions will be taken to limit the size and use of intake until the emergency passes.
- Nonessential court hearing/appearances may be postponed or cancelled by the Court on a case-by-case basis depending upon the development of this health emergency. The decision to hold or not hold court is ultimately the decision of each judge in his or her courtroom.
- "Social distancing" practices will be used to the extent possible during hearings and conferencing.
- Actions will be taken to reduce congregations of large of people in the courtroom and in the courthouse.

The Court shall work with administrative staff, court personnel, District Attorney, Public Defender, members of the Bar, and other agencies and/or departments affected by this order to set forth policies and procedures necessary to implement this order.

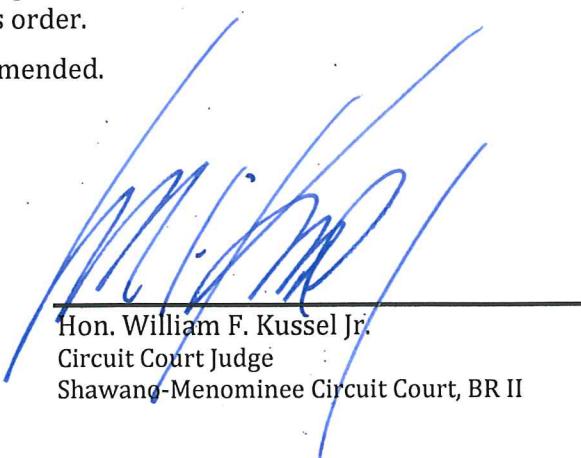
This order shall remain in effect until rescinded or amended.

DATED: 3-18-20



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Hon. James R. Habeck  
Presiding Circuit Court Judge  
Shawano-Menominee Circuit Court, BR I



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Hon. William F. Kussel Jr.  
Circuit Court Judge  
Shawano-Menominee Circuit Court, BR II