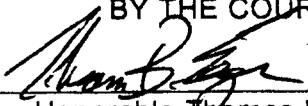


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ORDER ON SMALL CLAIMS CASES RE: COVID-19

The Wisconsin Supreme Court has issued an order dated March 22, 2020 regarding court hearings during the COVID-19 pandemic; Portage County Courts have issued a further order dated March 24, 2020 regarding all non-essential hearings. Under that order, all non-essential court hearings, including small claims hearings and return dates, are to be postponed. We expect this order to continue past June 16, 2020.

Based on these orders, until further order of the court, the following will apply to all Small Claims matters:

1. All currently scheduled return dates and other hearings are postponed indefinitely. Upon further order from the court allowing small claims hearings to resume, the court will issue a hearing notice setting a new date and time.
2. The court will continue to accept new small claims filings for all case types, including evictions. The court will set a hearing date on new filings on or after June 16, 2020.
3. The court will provide mail service and a copy of this order in cases where appropriate and mail service has been prepaid. Small Claims matters requiring personal service will still need to be personally served.
4. **The June 16, 2020 hearing date is simply a placeholder in CCAP, and we do not expect it to be the actual hearing date. We hope to be able to schedule hearings prior to the listed hearing date.** Upon further order allowing small claims hearings to resume, the court will issue a hearing notice setting a new date and time.
5. Litigants shall advise the court of any change in address so that they will receive notice of future hearings once small claims court resumes.

We appreciate the patience of all litigants as we deal with this unprecedented situation.