

2022 WJCCA Conference

Director of State Courts Update

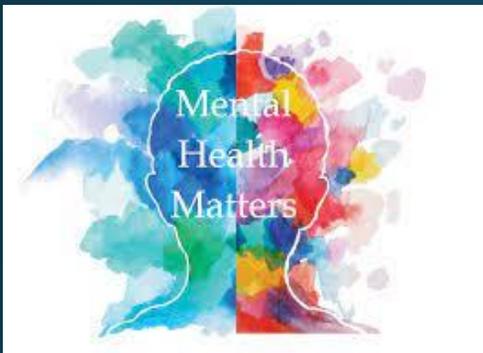
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Updates from the Director's office

- FY24-25 Budget Requests
- The Chief Justice's Mental Health Summit
- Court Safety and Security
- Lessons Learned from the COVID-19 Pandemic

FY24-25 Budget Requests

- New Judgeships
- Increase in Circuit Court Support payments
- Digital Audio Recording systems
- Cybersecurity



Chief Justice Mental Health Task Force

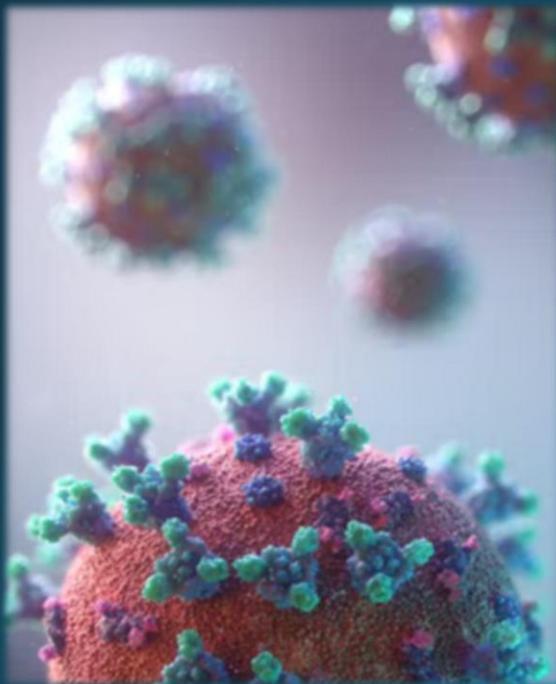
- National Judicial Task Force to Examine State Courts' Response to Mental Illness
- Wisconsin State Summit on Mental Health

Court Security

- PPAC Court Security Subcommittee
- Court Safety and Security Conference, March 15-17, 2023
- CourtNet web page: <http://courtnet.wicourts.gov/publications/courtsecurity.htm>

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National Criminal Justice
Training Center
of Fox Valley Technical College



Improving the Court System Response to Emergencies: Lessons Learned from the COVID-19 Pandemic

- Key challenges and Lessons Learned
- Unexpected Benefits (silver linings)
- Full Report on the court's website: <https://www.wicourts.gov/publications/reports/docs/covidlessons.pdf>

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Summary of Current Court Security Training and Resources June 2022

Committees and Workgroups

PPAC has a standing Court Security Subcommittee, chaired by Hon. Michael Bohren. Most recently, the Subcommittee examined SCR Ch. 68 and submitted a petition to update rule language in October 2021. This matter is currently pending before the Court.

Website Resources

A CourtNet page (<http://courtnet.wicourts.gov/publications/courtsecurity.htm>) is available to provide information about state and national court and judicial security resources. Webpage contents including the following:

- A link to SCR Ch. 68, Court Security, Facilities and Staffing.
- A video from the 2020 Judicial Conference presentation, “Judicial Security and the Bench”
- Information about the confidential judicial security profile and a blank Word template.
- Links to National Center for State Courts resources, including a home security audit document with personal and family security recommendations, the NCSC’s most recent Steps to Best Practices for Court Building Security, and a link to the NCSC page that covers court security and emergency preparedness.
- Blank security threat and incident report forms (CS-265), as well as a link to submit incident reports using an online web form.
- Information about conducting a courthouse security assessment with the Supreme Court Marshal and a general security considerations summary.
- A statewide summary of 2021 security incidents.
- A district-level summary of construction, renovation, and training activities that support court security.
- Guidelines for forming local security and facility committees and sample meeting agendas.

State, District, and County Security Training

Training on court security and judicial security is available through several avenues, ranging from district judge meetings to statewide events, such as the Judicial Conference and the Court Safety and Security Conference.

Wisconsin Judicial Conference

Recent court security-related sessions at the Judicial Conference included the following:

- 2020: Court Security Breakout Session Track
 - (A) Responding to First Amendment Audits;
 - (B) Responding to and Managing Extremists & Sovereign Citizens in a Court Setting; or
 - (C) Personal Security and the Bench

- 2018: Handling a High-Profile Case
- 2017: Court Security (general)

Court Safety and Security Conference

The Court Safety and Security Conference (CSSC) has taken place every year since 2009, with the exception of a pandemic-related pause in 2021. The conference resumed in an abbreviated format in March 2022, and the full conference will resume from March 15-17, 2023 at the Hilton Appleton Paper Valley. Registration information will be available in late 2022.

Judicial College, New Judge Orientation, and District Judge Meetings

Judge Michael Bohren has presented on Ch. 68 and local security and facilities committees at the Judicial College for the last several years, and he plans to present on court and judicial security at the next New Judge Orientation. Judge Bohren has also accepted invitations to present at district-level judge meetings. Most recently, he spoke about the confidential judicial security profile and various aspects of personal safety at meetings in Districts 2 and 10.

Active Shooter Drills and First Aid Training

Some counties have instituted mandatory emergency training programs for all staff working in the courthouse or administrative building. Although most safety drills and training activities were paused during the pandemic, they are beginning to resume. Local court security and facility committees should reach out to county leaders and local law enforcement representatives to explore options for instituting regular, mandatory emergency training events. Some of these sessions focus on immediate first aid skills intended to help staff provide assistance before first responders arrive.