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### CHIEF JUDGE DIRECTIVE 14-09

**DATE:** May 9, 2014

**TO:** All Judges, All Court Commissioners, District Court Administrator, Deputy District Court Administrator, County Executive, Clerk of Circuit Court, Corporation Counsel, Sheriff, District Attorney, City Attorney, Public Defender, Court Coordinators, Managing Court Reporter, JusticePoint, IMSD, Legal Resource Center, Facilities Management, CCAP, Press

**FROM:** Chief Judge Jeffrey A. Kremers

**RE: MISDEMEANOR BENCH WARRANTS**

**IT IS HEREBY DIRECTED** that, effective immediately, **Chief Judge Directive 03-04 is amended** with respect to misdemeanor bench warrant returns as follows:

In the event that a defendant is being returned to court on both misdemeanor and felony bench warrants from the same court, the felony procedures will apply and the warrants shall be returned together before the felony judge.

**IT IS FURTHER DIRECTED** that, effective immediately, Chief Judge Directive 09-06 which also modified Directive 03-04 be amended with respect to misdemeanor DPA bench warrant returns as follows:

1. No change.
2. All misdemeanor initial appearances or bench warrants issued out of the DPA court shall be returnable through In-Custody Intake Court unless specifically ordered to be returned to the DPA Court by the Judge in those cases where the defendant is a drug treatment court participant. Any misdemeanor DPA cases returnable to Intake Court shall be adjourned to the DPA court after setting bail. If, upon return of the warrant/bench warrant, it is determined that no DPA has been entered into and the district attorney decides to withdraw the officer of a DPA, the case shall be transferred to the appropriate judge by DA team/region assignment. However, if the DPA has already been entered into and approved by the court prior to the bench warrant being issued, the case will remain in the DPA court for resolution.

All other terms and conditions of Directives 03-04 and 09-06 shall remain in effect.

Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May 2014.

  
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Hon. Jeffrey A. Kremers  
Chief Judge

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