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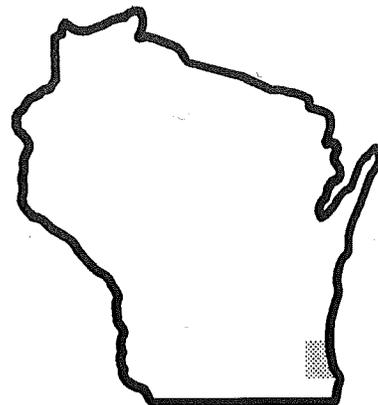
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FROM: Chief Judge Maxine Aldridge White

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SUBJECT: **ATTACHMENT TO CHIEF JUDGE DIRECTIVE 20-03 - CREATION OF HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREA (HIDTA) CALENDAR, ASSIGNMENT AND TRANSFER OF CASES - PROVIDING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Over the past couple of years, there have been concerns expressed about how effectively and efficiently our felony courts have been resolving cases. As time to disposition has increased due to many challenges in our system, judges, parties, witnesses and alleged victims have experienced delays and the need to prepare repeatedly for court events. Closer examination is needed to identify causes of these concerns and then to work on finding solutions. Today's directive looks to consolidate our most complex drug cases involving the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) law enforcement and prosecution units into a single court which already has a significant number of these cases. By doing so, it is expected that these cases will be handled more efficiently and effectively. It is important to note that this adjustment in court calendars is not designed to change in any way the outcomes facing convicted defendants in these courts, unnecessarily accelerate the time required for proper adjudication or to encourage a perception that HIDTA cases should carry a special weight in our system.