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TO: All Judges, All Court Commissioners, District Court Administrator, County Executive, Clerk of Circuit Court, Corporation Counsel, Sheriff, District Attorney, City Attorney, Public Defender, DAS, Fiscal Affairs, Court Coordinators, Division of Youth and Family Services, Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services, Legal Aid Society, JusticePoint, WCS, Court Reporting Services, IMSD, Legal Resource Center, CCAP, Facilities Management

FROM: Chief Judge Mary E. Triggiano

RE: PHASE IV PLAN FOR RESUMING IN-PERSON HEARINGS AND JURY TRIALS

WHEREAS: Operational planning for the safe resumption of in-person and jury trial proceedings in the 1st Judicial District is ongoing in light of the COVID-19 and variants and has been the culmination of months of collaboration and consultation with judges, numerous local justice system stakeholders, Milwaukee County leadership and public health experts to: develop protocols for the safe resumption of in-person and jury trial proceedings; modify and prepare court buildings, courtrooms, jury assembly and deliberation space in order to avoid exposure and infection of jurors, litigants, attorneys, witnesses, court staff and other members of the public visiting the courts conducting in-person hearings and jury trials; re-design processes and procedures related to jury management, and incorporate many recommendations made in the Final Report of the Chief Justice's COVID-19 Task Force;

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

The operational plan of the 1st Judicial District regarding procedures and practices for conducting in-person and jury trial proceedings during the 2020-2021 public health emergency and COVID-19 pandemic are hereby amended and approved and are effective **September 7, 2021**. The circuit court shall follow the attached operational plan as approved by the Chief Judge.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the provisions of this order shall be subject to further modification or termination by future orders.

Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, this 2nd day of September, 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary E. Triggiano", written over a horizontal line.

Hon. Mary E. Triggiano
Chief Judge