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**Case Assignments for the Dane County Circuit Court  
Rotation Plan for August 1, 2025 – July 31, 2027**

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**ORDER**

The Honorable Stephen Ehlke, Presiding Judge of Dane County, hereby enters this Order of Case Assignments for the Dane County Circuit Court, approved by Chief Judge Julie Genovese.

**Criminal Division**

Effective August 1, 2025, the following judges/branches will be in the criminal division:

Branch	Judge	% of Criminal Draw
2	Payal Khandhar	12.5
3	Diane Schlipper	12.5
5	Nicholas McNamara	12.5
7	Mario White	12.5
8	Governor's Appointee	12.5
11	Ellen Berz (Veterans Court)	12.5
12	Ann Peacock	12.5
14	John Hyland	12.5

**Civil Division**

Effective August 1, 2025, the following judges/branches will be in the civil division:

Branch	Judge	% of Civil Draw	% of Family Draw
1	Governor's Appointee	15	9.1
9	Jacob Frost	15	9.1
13	Julie Genovese	12.5	6.7
15	Stephen Ehlke	12.5	6.7
16	Rhonda Lanford	15	9.1
17	David Conway	15	9.1

### **Juvenile Division**

Effective August 1, 2025, the following judges will be in the juvenile division:

<b>Branch</b>	<b>Judge</b>	<b>% of Juvenile Draw</b>	<b>% of Civil Draw</b>	<b>% of Family Draw</b>	<b>% of Guardianship Draw</b>
4	Everett Mitchell (Drug Court)	33.3	5	16.7	33.3
6	Nia Trammell	33.3	5	16.7	33.3
10	Ryan Nilsestuen (OWI Court)	33.3	5	16.7	33.3

### **Criminal Draw Explanation**

Effective May 1, 2025, the criminal division judges will split 100% of the criminal cases filed and each judge will be assigned 12.5% of the criminal case draw. The judge with Veterans Court responsibility will not be assigned Small Claims dates. Criminal division judges will not be assigned any new civil or family cases, but will retain pending and past cases.

Pursuant to Dane County Circuit Court Rule 205, if any new case filed after May 1, 2025 has a defendant with a legal status from a prior case that may cause an appearance before a judge, and the judge who would normally be assigned is leaving the criminal division, the case will be assigned to the judge entering the division who is teamed with the outgoing judge for the purpose of calendar and schedule coordination instead of a random draw. Further, open criminal cases (CF/CM/CT case types) pending with the outgoing judge that involve a defendant in a newly-filed criminal case will be administratively transferred to the incoming judge unless the cases are already scheduled with the outgoing judge for trial or plea/sentencing, or the affected judges determine the posture of the cases warrants them remaining with the outgoing judge.

Judge Genovese (Br. 13) who is the outgoing judge will be paired with the judge appointed by the Governor to Branch 8. Judge Conway (Br. 17) who is the outgoing judge will be paired with Judge Peacock (Br. 12).

### **Civil/Probate Draw Explanation**

Effective May 1, 2025 the civil division judges will split 85% of the civil/probate cases, except Chief Judge Genovese and Presiding Judge Ehlke will receive a 2.5% caseload reduction in recognition of their administrative responsibilities. The juvenile division judges will split the other 15% of civil/probate cases filed.


### **Family Draw Explanation**

Effective May 1, 2025, the civil division judges will split 50% of the family cases, except Chief Judge Genovese and Presiding Judge Ehlke will receive an approximate 2.5% caseload reduction in recognition of their administrative responsibilities. The juvenile division judges will split the other 50% of family cases filed.

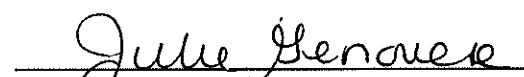
**Juvenile Draw Explanation**

Effective May 1, 2025, the juvenile division judges will split 100% of the juvenile and guardianship cases filed. The judges with OWI and Drug Court responsibilities will be not be assigned Small Claims dates.

ORDERED this 24 day of April, 2025

  
Stephen Ehlke, Presiding Judge

Approved this 24 day of April, 2025

  
Julie Genovese, Chief Judge

