STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT DANE COUNTY

Dane County Circuit Court Rule 208:
Non-Felony Time for Substitution **ORDER**

IT IS ORDERD Rule 208 is repealed and recreated as follows:

208: Non-Felony Time for Substitution

In all CT and CM cases, the defendant shall have 20 days to file a request for substitution of the assigned judge. The 20-day period commences (1) at the initial appearance, (2) upon the filing of the first retainer or notice of appearance, (3) upon the filing of the first order appointing counsel, or (4) upon the court's first finding that the defendant has waived their right to counsel, whichever is later. If a court finds a defendant has forfeited their right to counsel, the statutory right to substitution under this rule is forfeited.

Rule 208 does not repeal or abrogate any other aspect of Wisconsin Statute 971.20.

Effective: July 1, 2026

Dated this 22nd day of June, 2026

Stephen Ehlke, Presiding Judge
Dane County Circuit Court

Dated this 22nd day of June, 2026

Julie Genovese, Chief Judge
Fifth Judicial Administrative District