

**Dane County Circuit Court Rule 205:
Case Assignment at Initial Appearance****ORDER**

IT IS ORDERED Rule 205 is amended as follows:

205: Case Assignment at Initial Appearance

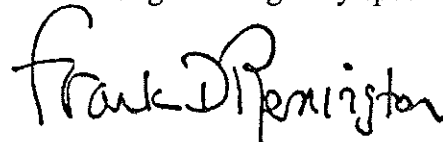
1. Initial Assignments

- a. At the initial appearance in a criminal case a trial judge shall be assigned by random draw and the preliminary hearing judge (in felonies) shall be assigned pursuant to the Duty Week roster as shown on the Master Calendar except as provided by this rule.
- b. A single judge shall be assigned all files presented against a defendant at initial appearance.
- c. If a defendant has a criminal case pending with a judge currently in the criminal rotation or is a co-defendant in a pending case, all cases shall be assigned to the criminal rotation judge with the earliest pending case. The district attorney shall advise the initial appearance court commissioner, who shall assign the judge of the earlier pending, or co-defendant, case.
- d. If a defendant has a legal status from a prior case that may cause an appearance before a judge currently in the criminal rotation the new case shall be assigned to that judge. If a defendant had a case that was dismissed without prejudice and the same case is re-filed, the new case will be assigned to the judge who had the case at the time of dismissal. The district attorney shall advise the initial appearance court commissioner, who shall assign the judge of the earlier pending. If the original judge is no longer in the criminal rotation, the case shall be assigned using the random draw.
- e. Nothing in this rule overrides the authority of the Chief Judge to assign any specific case to an individual judge.

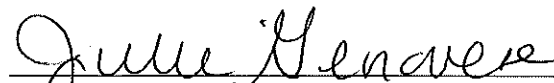
Effective: January 1, 2025

Dated this 2nd day of January, 2025

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Frank D. Remington, Presiding Judge
Dane County Circuit Court



Julie Genovese, Chief Judge
Fifth Judicial Administrative District