

Chief Judge Appointment/Authorization under SCR 75.02:

Jennifer R. Dorow  
Chief Judge

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Print or Type Name

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District Number

1/1/21  
Date

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, WAUKESHA COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPOINTMENT/AUTHORIZATION OF

Kevin Costello  
as Circuit Court Commissioner

Order Appointing/Authorizing  
Circuit Court Commissioner Order

State Bar No.: 1000090

IT IS ORDERED:

1. The above-named person is
  - appointed a circuit court commissioner for the above-named county under SCR 75.02(1). This person must be an attorney with at least 3 years of legal experience.
  - authorized under SCR 75.02(3), as a supplemental court commissioner for the above-named county, to perform specific duties as set forth below on a temporary or occasional basis. This person must:
    - be an attorney, with at least 3 years of legal experience, AND
    - have been appointed a supplemental court commissioner under §757.675(1), Wis. Stats.
  - appointed to supervise the office of family court commissioner for the county under §757.68 (2m) (a) 1, or (b), Wis. Stats.
2. This appointment/authorization shall
  - be from [Date] \_\_\_\_\_ to [Date] \_\_\_\_\_; OR
  - commence on [Date] January 1, 2021 and be subject to annual recertification.
3. The Honorable Jennifer Dorow is/are appointed supervising judge(s) for the circuit court commissioner and shall
  - communicate responsibilities and performance objectives, AND
  - conduct annual written evaluations, AND
  - submit annual written recertification recommendations.
4. This circuit court commissioner shall
  - have all the powers and duties specified below and all other powers and duties authorized by SCR 75.
  - have only the following specific duties (*check all boxes that apply*), authorized by SCR 75.
    - a. **When assigned to assist a court in juvenile matters:**
      - the powers of a circuit court commissioner under §757.69(1)(g), Wis. Stats.
      - OR
      - conduct permanency reviews under §48.38(5) and §938.38(5), Wis. Stats.
      - conduct permanency hearings under §48.38(5m) and §938.38(5m), Wis. Stats.
      - issue summonses and warrants.
      - conduct preliminary appearances and conduct uncontested proceedings under §§48.13, 48.133, 938.12, 938.125, 938.13, and 938.18, Wis. Stats.
      - order the release or detention of children apprehended, conduct detention and shelter care hearings, and conduct hearings under §§ 48.21, 48.213, 48.217, 938.21, or 938.217, Wis. Stats., and thereafter order a child, juvenile, or expectant mother held in or released from custody.
      - order consent decrees or amended consent decrees.

- conduct emergency in-home to out-of-home changes in placement under §§ 48.357(2)(b) or 938.357(2)(b), Wis. Stats.
- conduct hearings, make findings, and issue orders in proceedings under §813.122 or §813.125, Wis. Stats., in which the respondent is a child.
- b. **When assigned to assist in matters affecting the family:**
- the powers of a circuit court commissioner under §757.69(1)(p), Wis. Stats.
- the powers under §767.471, Wis. Stats.
- c. **In Traffic Regulation and County Ordinance cases:**
- conduct initial appearances and receive uncontested forfeiture pleas.
- order the revocation or suspension of operating privileges and impose monetary penalties according to approved schedules.
- refer applicable cases to court for enforcement for nonpayment.
- issue search warrants in matters involving violations of §346.63, Wis. Stats., or conforming ordinances.
- d. **In Small Claims Matters:**
- conduct return date proceedings and settlement conferences.
- grant and enter default judgments and approve stipulations.
- conduct conferences and hearings with the parties or their attorneys, or both, on the original or adjourned return dates.
- issue decisions, which shall become judgments under §799.207(2), Wis. Stats.
- e. **In Probate Matters:**
- conduct noncontested proceedings.
- hear petitions for commitment and conduct probable cause hearings under §§51.20, 51.45, 55.13 and 55.135, Wis. Stats.
- conduct reviews of guardianships and protective placements and protective services under Chapters 54 and 55, Wis. Stats.
- advise persons alleged to be mentally ill under Chapters 51, 54, or 55, Wis. Stats., of their rights under the United States and Wisconsin constitutions.
- refer persons under Chapters 51, 54, or 55, Wis. Stats., who claim or appear to be indigent to the State Public Defender for indigency evaluation, or if the person is a child, for appointment of counsel for the child without a determination of indigency, as provided in §48.23(4), Wis. Stats.
- f. **In Child Abuse and Vulnerable Adult Injunction Proceedings:**
- conduct hearings, make findings, and issue temporary restraining orders under §813.122 and §813.123, Wis. Stats.
- g. **In Domestic Abuse and Harassment Injunction Proceedings:**
- conduct hearings, make findings, and issue temporary restraining orders and injunctions under §813.12 and §813.125, Wis. Stats.
- h. **In Criminal Matters:**
- direct a case to the proper court for entry of a plea after an intelligent waiver of rights.
- Issue summonses, arrest warrants, and search warrants, determine probable cause to support a warrantless arrest, conduct initial appearances of persons arrested, and set bail.
- inform defendants of their rights under §§970.02(1) and (6), Wis. Stats.
- refer defendants who appear or claim to be indigent to the State Public Defender for indigency determinations.
- conduct preliminary examinations and arraignments, and with the consent of the parties, accept guilty pleas.
- conduct restitution hearings under §973.20(13)(c)4, Wis. Stats.
- i. **In the following Miscellaneous Matters:**
- conduct inquests under Chapter 979, Wis. Stats.
- issue warrants and capiases for those who do not appear as summoned.
- conduct hearings and issue orders on petitions under §173.23(3), Wis. Stats.
- when referred by the circuit court:
- try questions of fact requiring the examination of accounts and report upon specific issues of fact involved in those matters.
- try questions of fact arising other than upon the pleadings.
- prepare proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law pertaining to default mortgage and land contract foreclosures and mechanic's liens.