

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

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ORDER GRANTING REQUEST OF FEDERAL  
DEFENDER SERVICES OF WISCONSIN, INC.  
TO RESCIND PORTION OF CJA PLAN AND ALLOW  
RELOCATION OF OFFICES

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General Order 21-8

The Criminal Justice Act plan for the Eastern District of Wisconsin provides that the offices and staff of Federal Defender Services of Wisconsin, Inc. “shall be located and housed at the United States Courthouse and Federal Building at 517 East Wisconsin Avenue . . . unless otherwise ordered by the court.”

On March 12, 2021, Federal Defender Craig W. Albee, on behalf of Federal Defender Services of Wisconsin, Inc., submitted to the judges a written request that the court rescind that portion of the CJA Plan and allow FDS to relocate outside the courthouse. Attorney Albee explained that FDS has outgrown its courthouse space, that its presence in the courthouse is contrary to Judicial Conference policy and sometimes leads clients to question the agency’s independence from judiciary and law enforcement agencies also housed in the courthouse. Attorney Albee also anticipated being able to find more office space at a lower cost, and to find it within a few blocks of the courthouse, as well as maintaining a small space inside the courthouse to accommodate the need for private meetings before or after court hearings.

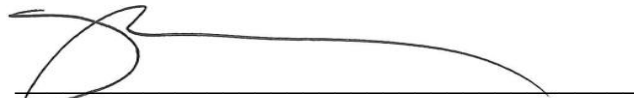
The judges took up this request at their March 18, 2021 judges’ meeting and unanimously approved it.

The court **GRANTS** the request of Federal Defender Services of Wisconsin, Inc. to rescind that portion of the CJA plan that requires Federal Defender Services of Wisconsin, Inc. to be housed in U.S. Courthouse and Federal Building at 517 East Wisconsin Avenue.

The court **ORDERS** that Federal Defender Services of Wisconsin, Inc. may relocate its offices and staff outside the U.S. Courthouse and Federal Building at 517 East Wisconsin Avenue.

Dated in Milwaukee, Wisconsin this 21st day of April, 2021.

**BY THE COURT:**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P. Pepper', written over a horizontal line.

**HON. PAMELA PEPPER**  
**Chief United States District Judge**