

Preface

The 2026 edition of Wisconsin Practice—Civil Rules Handbook reflects changes to civil practice in Wisconsin circuit courts resulting from legislative and judicial action.

This edition includes new material on the following:

- New discussion of appointment of three-judge panel in apportionment of congressional or state legislative districts (§ 801.50:14)
- New section on class certification (§ 803.08:2.5)
- Expanded discussion of failure to comply with discovery order (§ 804.12:3)
- Expanded discussion of motions for directed verdict (§ 805.14:6)
- The important revisions to the rule governing expert testimony that now requires the trial judge to find the “reliability” elements by a preponderance of the evidence (§ 907.204)
- The court of appeals held that the statutory disqualification of expert witnesses who enter into contingent fee agreements only applies to purchased testimony, not “medical liens” for treatment provided the patient (*Kyllonen v. Artisan and Truckers Casualty Co.*, 2026 WI App 2 at § 907.02:4)

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