

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY RICH WHITE JOINS  
WELD, RILEY, PRENN & RICCI, S.C.**

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**EAU CLAIRE** - The law firm of Weld, Riley, Prenn & Ricci, S.C. is pleased to announce Eau Claire County District Attorney Rich White has joined the firm.

Commenting on Rich joining the firm was Weld, Riley President Steve Weld, "For over two decades, Rich has been trying cases before juries as an Eau Claire County prosecutor. This extensive jury trial experience will make him a natural fit in our firm's Civil Litigation Section. His in-depth knowledge will give our clients an edge in the courtroom. In addition to insurance and civil litigation defense, Rich will also join former prosecutor Emily Long in developing a white collar criminal practice."

Previous to joining Weld, Riley, Rich worked as an Assistant District Attorney starting in 1990 through 2000 in Eau Claire County. Rich was appointed to the position of District Attorney by Governor Tommy G. Thompson in 2000 and has held that position for eleven (11) years. During his tenure in the District Attorney's office, Rich was the lead prosecutor on a number of high-level felony matters which gained statewide and national attention.

Addressing the transition, Rich stated, "I am excited to join a firm with a statewide practice which has expertise in almost all areas of the practice of law. Having worked at the courthouse for over twenty (20) years, I have had an opportunity to meet and work with many of the Weld, Riley lawyers. I consider Weld, Riley, Prenn & Ricci to be the premier law firm in Western Wisconsin and I am honored to join them as a partner in the practice of law."

Rich is a member of the Eau Claire County Bar Association and the Wisconsin Bar Association. Rich earned his bachelor of science degree in Political Science from the University of Wisconsin in Eau Claire. He received his law degree from the University of Wisconsin Law School in Madison, Wisconsin. Rich and his family reside in the Chippewa Valley where Rich is heavily involved in multiple civic and charitable organizations.

The Weld, Riley, Prenn & Ricci Law Firm was formed in 1991. The firm practices in all major areas of the law and is comprised of a Litigation, Labor and Employment, Business, Real Estate, and Government Relations Sections. The firm employs more than 60 people and is the largest law firm in the Chippewa Valley and has offices in Eau Claire, Menomonie and Black River Falls.