



**394th Judicial District Court
The Honorable Roy Ferguson
Judge Presiding**

STANDING ORDER REGARDING USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

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WHEREAS the signing of a pleading or motion in Texas certifies that each claim, defense, or other legal contention in the pleading or motion is warranted by existing law or by a nonfrivolous argument for the extension, modification, or reversal of existing law or the establishment of new law;

WHEREAS courts have the inherent power to sanction parties for violation of rules, orders, standing orders, and statutory obligations; and

WHEREAS a court on its own initiative may direct a court participant to show cause why his or her conduct has not violated a rule, order, standing order or statutory obligation;

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

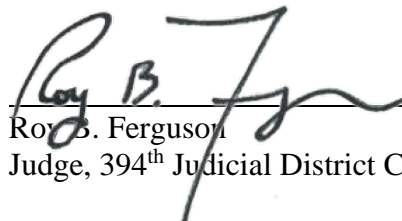
All self-represented litigants and attorneys who utilize any form of artificial intelligence for legal research or drafting in connection with a case shall before using any AI-generated information in a court submission or proceeding sign and submit the attached form, certifying that:

1. all language, quotations, sources, citations, arguments, and legal analysis created or contributed to by generative artificial intelligence were before submission verified as accurate through traditional (non-AI) legal sources by an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Texas, and
2. that the person understands and acknowledges that they are and will be held responsible and potentially sanctioned for their or their co-counsel's failure to comply with this Order.

This Order is effective immediately for all cases filed or pending in the 394th District Court. This Order remains in effect until rescinded or replaced by this Court. This Order is subject to modification or amendment by the undersigned at any time.

This Order shall be posted on the Court's website at www.Texas394th.com, and the district clerks of Brewster, Culberson, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, and Presidio Counties are hereby directed to file this Order with the Office of Court Administration and in the county administrative orders of the Court, and to post a file-marked copy of this Order as a Public Notice at the County Courthouse.

Signed the 9th day of June, 2023.



Roy B. Ferguson
Judge, 394th Judicial District Court

CAUSE NO. _____

PLAINTIFF

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT

v.

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DEFENDANT

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394TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

CERTIFICATION REGARDING USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

I, an attorney or self-represented litigant in the 394th Judicial District Court, hereby certify as follows:

1. I reviewed and understand this Court’s Standing Order Regarding Artificial Intelligence. I will comply with the Standing Order throughout this case.

2. All information created or contributed to by generative artificial intelligence—including language, quotations, sources, citations, arguments, and legal analysis—was before submission to this Court verified as accurate using traditional (non-AI) legal sources by a human being licensed to practice in the State of Texas.

3. I understand that I will be held responsible and subject to possible sanction under Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct, Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 10, and the inherent power of the Court, or for contempt of court, for failing to comply with the Court’s Standing Order or this certification.

Signed on: _____

[ATTORNEY NAME]



COUNTY COURT AT LAW JUDGES
IN AND FOR
COLLIN COUNTY, TEXAS

**STANDING ORDER NO. 3: USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
FOR ANY COURT FILING**

The statutory County Courts at Law Judges in Collin County, Texas hereby adopt this Standing Order No. 3: Use of Artificial Intelligence for any Court Filing. If any attorney for a party, or a self-represented party, has used AI in any way for the preparation of any filed document with the Court, the party **MUST**, in a clear and concise factual statement, disclose that AI was used in the preparation of the filing and **CERTIFY** that each and every citation to the law, or the record in the filed document, has been verified and is accurate. The Court reserves the right to rule as its sees fit on any Failure to comply with this standing order including but not limited to striking the non-compliant filing.

While the Court does not require the certification to be any specific language so long as it conforms to this standing order the Court does provide this sample that if used would be sufficient:

My Full Name is: _____,

My date of birth is: ____/____/____,

and my address is: _____

_____.

I declare under penalty of perjury that: 1) I have read this document, 2) Artificial Intelligence (" AI") was used in the preparation of this document and 3) each and every citation to the law or the record in this document has been verified and is accurate.

Executed (formally signed) in Collin County, Texas on this date: _____.

County Court at Law # 1, Judge Corinne Mason
County Court at Law # 2, Judge Barnett Walker
County Court at Law # 3, Judge Lance S. Baxter
County Court at Law # 4, Judge David Rippel



County Court at Law # 5, Judge Randy Johnson
County Court at Law # 6, Judge Jay A. Bender
County Court at Law # 7, Judge David Waddill

Signed and **ENTERED** this the 3rd day of July, 2024.

Handwritten signature of Corinne Mason in blue ink.

Honorable Corinne Mason
County Court at Law #1

Handwritten signature of Lance S. Baxter in blue ink.

Honorable Lance S. Baxter
County Court at Law #3

Handwritten signature of Randy Johnson in blue ink.

Honorable Randy Johnson
County Court at Law #5

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Honorable David Waddill
County Court at Law #7

Handwritten signature of Barnett Walker in blue ink.

Honorable Barnett Walker
County Court at Law #2

Handwritten signature of David Rippel in red ink.

Honorable David Rippel
County Court at Law #4

Handwritten signature of Jay A. Bender in blue ink.

Honorable Jay A. Bender
County Court at Law #6

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

GENERAL ORDER AMENDING LOCAL RULES

It is hereby ORDERED that the following amendments to the local rules, having been approved by the judges of this court, are adopted for implementation subject to a reasonable period for public notice and comment, as determined by the Clerk.¹ See 28 U.S.C. § 2071(b).

SECTION I: CIVIL RULES

LOCAL RULE CV-5 Service and Filing of Pleadings and Other Documents

- (a) **Electronic Filing Required.** Except as expressly provided or in exceptional circumstances preventing a Filing User from filing electronically, all documents filed with the court shall be electronically filed in compliance with the following procedures.

(4) **File Size Limitations.** No single electronic file, whether containing a document or an attachment, may exceed ~~fifty~~yeen megabytes in size. Documents or attachments in excess of ~~fifty~~yeen megabytes must be divided into multiple files and accurately described to the court. *See* Local Rule CV-7 (page requirements for motions and responses).

COMMENT: The CM/ECF file size capacity has increased to 50MB. Local Rule CV-5(a)(4) is amended accordingly.

LOCAL RULE CV-10 Form of Pleadings

- (d) **Deficient Pleadings/Documents.** The clerk shall monitor filed documents for compliance with the federal and local rules as to format and form. If ~~the~~a document ~~sought to be filed~~ is identified as deficient as to form, the clerk shall enter a notice on the docket that identifies the perceived deficiency. immediately notify counsel, who should~~The filing party will~~ be given a reasonable opportunity, preferably within one day, to cure the perceived def~~ect~~iciency. If the perceived def~~ect~~iciency is not cured in a timely fashion, the clerk shall refer the matter to the ~~appropriate~~assigned district or magistrate judge ~~for a ruling as to whether the documents should be made part of the record.~~

¹ New language appears in underlined text, and deleted language appears in strikeout text.

COMMENT: Local Rule CV-10(d) is amended to clarify and make uniform the clerk’s handling of filed documents that may not comply with federal or local rules as to format or form. First, the amendment recognizes that the clerk can only monitor filed documents, not those sought to be filed. Second, the amendment provides for a uniform method of notice to all parties when a perceived deficiency is identified by a docket entry, not just notice to the filing party. Thereafter, the filing party has an opportunity to cure the deficiency with a corrected filing or through discussions of the perceived deficiency with the clerk. Finally, if the deficiency is not cured, the clerk may refer the matter to the assigned judge, who may take whatever further action, if any, that the judge deems appropriate. This recognizes the requirements of Fed. R. Civ. P. 5(d)(4) and Fed. R. Crim. P. 49(b)(5) that the clerk “must not refuse to file a paper solely because it is not in the form prescribed by these rules or by a local rule or practice.”

LOCAL RULE CV-11 Signing of Pleadings, Motions, and Other Documents

(g) **Use of Technology by *Pro Se* Litigants.** Litigants remain responsible for the accuracy and quality of legal documents produced with the assistance of technology (e.g., ChatGPT, Google Bard, Bing AI Chat, or generative artificial intelligence services). Litigants are cautioned that certain technologies may produce factually or legally inaccurate content. If a litigant chooses to employ technology, the litigant continues to be bound by the requirements of Fed. R. Civ. P. 11 and must review and verify any computer-generated content to ensure that it complies with all such standards. See also Local Rule AT-3(m).

COMMENT: Recent advancements in technology have provided *pro se* litigants access to tools that may be employed in preparing legal documents or pleadings. However, often the product of those tools may be factually or legally inaccurate. Local Rule CV-11 is amended to add new subsection (g) to alert *pro se* litigants to this risk. The rule also alerts litigants that they remain bound by the certification requirements of Fed. R. Civ. P. 11 when employing such tools to verify all content meets those standards. A similar rule, Local Rule AT-3(m), is added to the standards of practice to be observed by attorneys.

LOCAL RULE CV-77 District Courts and Clerks

Notice of Orders, Judgments, and Other Filings. The clerk may serve and give notice of orders, judgments, and other filings ~~as provided in Fed. R. Civ. P. 5(b) by e-mail in lieu of service and notice by conventional mail to any person who has signed a filed pleading or document and provided an e-mail address with his/her pleadings as specified in Local Rule CV-11(b)(1)(E). Any other attorney who wishes to receive notice of judicial orders, judgments, and other filings must file a notice of appearance of counsel with the court.~~

~~By providing the court with an e-mail address, the party submitting the pleadings is deemed to have consented to receive service and notice of judicial orders and judgments from the clerk by~~

~~e-mail. Lead attorneys who wish to be excluded from receiving judicial notices by e-mail may do so by filing a motion with the court; non-lead attorneys who wish to be excluded from e-mail noticing may do so by filing a notice with the court.~~

~~Notice of judicial orders, judgments, and other filings is complete when the clerk obtains electronic confirmation of the receipt of the transmission. Notice by e-mail by the clerk that occurs after 5:00 p.m. on any day is deemed effective as of the following day.~~

COMMENT: Local Rule CV-77 is amended to simplify and remove subject matter duplicative of Fed. R. Civ. P. 5(b) and CV-5(a)(2).

SECTION II: CRIMINAL RULES

LOCAL RULE CR-16.1 Pretrial Discovery Conference

Following the discovery conference required by Fed. R. Crim. P. 16.1, the attorney for the government and the defendant's attorney shall notify the Court of the time agreed upon for any disclosures required by Fed. R. Crim P. 16(a)(1)(G)(i) and 16(b)(1)(C)(i), or of the parties' respective positions if no agreement was reached.

COMMENT: In the 2022 amendments to Fed. R. Crim. P. 16, language was added instructing that the deadline for expert disclosures should be set by local rule or order in each case. Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(a)(1)(G)(ii) and 16(b)(1)(C)(i). New Local Rule CR-16.1 is adopted to address this rule change. Because the circumstances of a given case may impact the appropriate disclosure deadlines for both the government and the defendant, a uniform disclosure date is difficult. Instead, new CR-16.1 directs the parties to attempt to agree on the appropriate deadline in each case as part of the discovery conference required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 16.1(a), and, thereafter, notify the Court of the agreed upon time or of the parties' respective positions, consistent with the requests already authorized by Fed. R. Civ. P. 16.1(b). It is envisioned that this notice will enable the Court to then set the time for disclosure as part of its case scheduling order in view of the parties agreed or respective positions, thus, meeting the requirements of amended Fed. R. Crim. P. 16.

SECTION III: ATTORNEYS

LOCAL RULE AT-3 Standards of Practice to be Observed by Attorneys


Attorneys who appear in civil and criminal cases in this court shall comply with the following standards of practice in this district:

(m) If the lawyer, in the exercise of his or her professional legal judgment, believes that the client is best served by the use of technology (e.g., ChatGPT, Google Bard, Bing AI Chat, or generative artificial intelligence services), then the lawyer is cautioned that certain technologies may produce factually or legally inaccurate content and should never replace the lawyer’s most important asset – the exercise of independent legal judgment. If a lawyer chooses to employ technology in representing a client, the lawyer continues to be bound by the requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 11, Local Rule AT-3, and all other applicable standards of practice and must review and verify any computer-generated content to ensure that it complies with all such standards.

COMMENT: Recent advancements in technology have provided the legal profession with many useful tools for daily practice. Ultimately, however, the most valuable benefit a lawyer provides to a client is the lawyer’s independent judgment as informed by education, professional experiences, and participation in the legal and professional community in which the lawyer practices. Although technology can be helpful, it is never a replacement for abstract thought and problem solving. Local Rule AT-3 is amended to add new subsection (m) to remind lawyers of their continuing duties under applicable rules of practice despite any choice to employ technological tools in the course of providing legal services.

So Ordered this

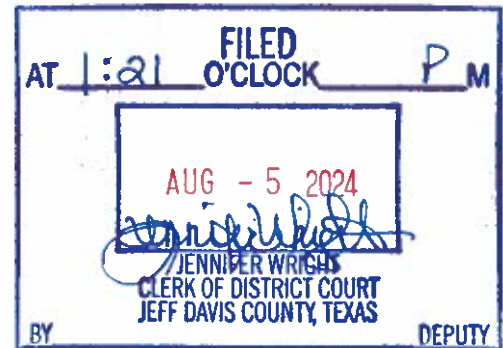
Oct 30, 2023



RODNEY GILSTRAP
Chief Judge



**394th Judicial District Court
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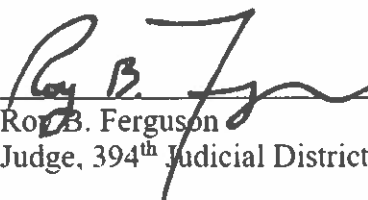
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Signed the 1st day of August, 2024.



Roy B. Ferguson
Judge, 394th Judicial District Court

CAUSE NO. _____

PLAINTIFF

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT

v.

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DEFENDANT

394TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

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3. I understand that I will be held responsible and subject to possible sanction under Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct, Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code Chp. 10, and the inherent power of the Court, or for contempt of court, for failing to comply with the Court’s Standing Order or this certification.

Signed on: _____

[ATTORNEY NAME]

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
SAN ANTONIO DIVISION

CHRISTOPHER RICK MONTEZ,

Plaintiff,

VS.

JAIME ESPARZA,

Defendant.

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CIVIL ACTION NO. SA-23-CV-1483-FB

COURT ADVISORY CONCERNING DISCOVERY AND OTHER MATTERS

As this case begins in this District, the Court wishes to apprise counsel and the parties of the Court's expectations concerning the conduct of discovery and conduct throughout the course of this case:

1. Subject to matters of privilege, the Court expects the parties to engage in full and open discovery, laying all cards on the table with the goal being the early and less expensive resolution of this dispute for the benefit of the parties. *See generally* FED. R. CIV. P. 26(b)(1) and W. DIST. LOC. R. CV-16 and CV-26 through CV-37.
2. There will be no Rambo tactics or other forms of elementary school behavior. Simply put: Do not play games. All counsel are expected to abide by "Appendix A" attached hereto.
3. Make time for earspace, *i.e.* talking and listening as opposed to texting and emailing.
4. If necessary, the Court will require the party wishing to withhold information to present those items in camera to the Court. Should it be determined that discovery of those items should have been made, the Court will impose appropriate penalties.
5. The Court observes, and counsel are well aware, that a trial, appeal and reversal and remand for new trial would result in each side being aware of the opponent's evidence. It would appear to be more efficient and less costly for the clients simply to make discovery early in the case, **regardless of whether the information is hard copy, computerized, etc.**
6. **In this modern environment of artificial intelligence, counsel are reminded of traditional obligations of professional responsibility to be honest with the Court and opposing counsel, regardless of drafting methodology employed. The signature of**

counsel on all pleadings constitutes an affirmation that all of the pleading contents have been validated for accuracy and authenticity.

It is so ORDERED.

SIGNED this 6th day of December, 2023.



FRED BIERY
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

THE TEXAS LAWYERS' CREED
(EXCERPTED)

I am passionately proud of my profession. Therefore, "My word is my bond."

I will be courteous, civil, and prompt in oral and written communications.

I can disagree without being disagreeable.

I will conduct myself in court in a professional manner and demonstrate my respect for the Court and the law.

I will treat counsel, opposing parties, the Court, and members of the Court staff with courtesy and civility.



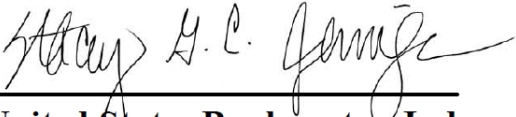
CLERK, U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

ENTERED

THE DATE OF ENTRY IS ON
THE COURT'S DOCKET

The following constitutes the ruling of the court and has the force and effect therein described.

Signed June 21, 2023


United States Bankruptcy Judge

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

IN RE:

PLEADINGS USING GENERATIVE
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

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GENERAL ORDER
2023-03

If any portion of a pleading or other paper filed on the Court's docket has been drafted utilizing generative artificial intelligence, including but not limited to ChatGPT, Harvey.AI, or Google Bard, the Court requires that all attorneys and pro se litigants filing such pleadings or other papers verify that any language that was generated was checked for accuracy, using print reporters, traditional legal databases, or other reliable means. Artificial intelligence systems hold no allegiance to any client, the rule of law, or the laws and Constitution of the United States and are likewise not factually or legally trustworthy sources without human verification. Failure to heed these instructions may subject attorneys or pro se litigants to sanctions pursuant to Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9011.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

###END OF ORDER###



30th DISTRICT COURT

STANDING ORDER REGARDING USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

This Standing Order of the 30th District Court applies to every pending, or hereafter filed, case in the 30th District Court of Wichita County, Texas. Nothing in this Order should be construed as to relieve an attorney or self-represented litigant of any legal or ethical obligation required by law, statute, or rule, including rules of procedure, evidence, or the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct.

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FURTHER, the Court is aware that artificial intelligence systems have the ability to take a recording or live conversation and turn that into a transcript or other written document. Courts have the authority to prohibit the use of all recording devices.

WHEREAS courts have the inherent power to sanction parties for violation of rules, orders, standing orders, and statutory obligations; and

WHEREAS a court on its own initiative may direct a court participant to show cause why his or her conduct has not violated a rule, order, standing order or statutory obligation;

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

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1. All language, quotations, sources, citations, arguments, and legal analysis created or contributed to by generative artificial intelligence were before submission verified as accurate through traditional (non-AI) legal sources, and
2. That the person understands and acknowledges that they are and will be held responsible, and potentially sanctioned, for their or their co-counsel's failure to comply with this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT:

All individuals entering the Courtroom, or court offices, are prohibited from recording any of the activities, conversations, or other events occurring in the courtroom, or court offices. The use of artificial intelligence is prohibited in the courtroom, or in court offices. The use of artificial intelligence to record, listen to, or transcribe any activity in the courtroom, or court office, is strictly prohibited.

This Order is effective immediately for all cases filed or pending in the 30th District Court. This Order remains in effect until rescinded or replaced by this Court. This Order is subject to modification or amendment by the undersigned at any time.

This Order shall be posted on the Court's website, and the District Clerk of Wichita County is hereby directed to file this Order with the Office of Court Administration and in the county administrative orders of the Court, and to post a file-marked copy of this Order as a Public Notice at the County Courthouse.

Signed this 26th day of March, 2024.



Jeff McKnight
Judge, 30th District Court

CAUSE NO. _____

PLAINTIFF
VS.
DEFENDANT

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IN THE 30th DISTRICT COURT
OF
WICHITA COUNTY

**CERTIFICATION REGARDING USE OF
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I, an attorney or self-represented litigant in the above numbered and titled cause, hereby certify as follows:

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3. I understand that I will be held responsible and subject to possible sanctions under Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct, Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 10, and the inherent power of the Court, or for contempt of court, for failing to comply with the Court's Standing Order or this certification.

Signed on: _____

[ATTORNEY NAME/SELF-REPRESENTED LITIGANT]



JUDGE ROLANDO OLVERA

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- (2) The Scheduling Order must comply with these rules and the deadlines set forth in the attached sample Scheduling Order. The Court has ultimate discretion in the dates set forth in the final Scheduling Order. Counsel is also advised that the Court will not automatically honor agreements between counsel to alter the dates listed in the Joint Case Management Plan. Moreover, agreements between counsel trying to amend deadlines for dispositive motions, replies, the final pretrial order, final pretrial conference, and jury selection will NOT be honored, and any modification of dates must be granted by the Court.
- (3) *See* APPENDIX, p. 18 and 19 for a sample Scheduling Order.

C. Mandatory Certificate Regarding Generative Artificial Intelligence

- (1) All attorneys and pro se litigants appearing before the Court must, together with their proposed scheduling order, file a certificate attesting either that no portion of any filing will be drafted by generative artificial intelligence (such as ChatGPT, Claude, Harvey.AI, or Google Bard) or that any language drafted by generative artificial intelligence will be checked for accuracy, using print reporters or traditional legal databases, by a person.
- (2) The Court will strike any filing from a party who fails to file a certificate on the docket attesting that they have read the Court's judge-specific requirements and understand that they will be held responsible under Rule 11 for the contents of any filing that they sign and submit to the Court, whether or not generative artificial intelligence drafted any portion of that filing. *See* APPENDIX, p. 17, for a sample Certificate Regarding Generative Artificial Intelligence
- (3) *See* APPENDIX, p. 17, for a sample Certificate Regarding Generative Artificial Intelligence.

9. REQUIRED PRETRIAL MATERIALS

- A. **Pretrial disclosures.** Each party must provide the following information to any opposing parties:
 - (1) The identity of witnesses, specifically identifying each witness the party intends to present at trial, rather than those that may be called on prospective rebuttal or if the need arises.
 - (2) The identity of witnesses whose testimony will be presented by deposition, including a transcript of the pertinent portions of testimony to be presented.
 - (3) Documents and exhibits, with identifying headings, that the party intends to present at trial, and those it may present if the need arises.
 - (4) The name(s) of Plaintiff's experts, and reports, 180 days before the discovery deadline.

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CIVIL ACTION B-

ORDER SETTING CONFERENCE

1. Counsel must appear for an initial pretrial conference:

_____, 202___, at _____ .m.
Before the Honorable Rolando Olvera
United States District Judge
Third Floor—Courtroom No. 4
United States Courthouse
600 E. Harrison Street
Brownsville, TX 78520

2. Within 15 days of receiving this order, counsel must file a list of all entities that are financially interested, including parent, subsidiary, and affiliated corporations as well as all known attorneys of record. When a group description is effective disclosure, an individual listing is unnecessary. Underline the names of corporations with publicly traded securities. Counsel must promptly amend the list when parties are added, or additional interested parties are identified.
3. The plaintiff must serve defendant within 90 days of filing the complaint. The plaintiff's failure to file proof of service within that time may result in dismissal by the Court on its own initiative. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(m).
4. At least 14 days before the initial pretrial conference, counsel must file a joint case management plan listing the identities and purposes of witnesses, sources, and types of documents, and other requirements for a prompt and inexpensive preparation of this case for disposition by motion or trial. *See* Fed R. Civ. P. Rule 26(f).
5. At least 5 days before the initial pretrial conference, counsel must file a joint proposed scheduling order using the Court's template and the certificate regarding generative artificial intelligence.

6. The parties must agree on other deadlines for completion of pretrial matters including all expert designation dates and discovery deadlines, as well as dates for exchanging of initial disclosures if they have not already been completed.
7. By the initial pretrial conference, counsel will have interviewed their clients and read all relevant documents; readily available documents must be exchanged at the meeting to create and sign the required Case Management Plan at the latest.
8. The court will set a schedule for initial preparation and may rule on motions pending or made at the conference.
9. Counsel in charge of a case must appear at all hearings or conferences. A motion to appear on behalf of the attorney-in-charge will be granted only upon showing of good cause, and only if the attorney to be substituted is familiar with the case and has authority to bind the client. The motion to appear must be ruled on before the hearing or conference date.
10. Counsel who appears at the conference must have authority to bind the client and must know the facts.
11. Counsel must have discussed alternative dispute resolution with their clients and each other; at the conference, the court will consider whether a method of ADR is suited to the case.
12. The court will enter a scheduling order and may rule on any pending motions at the conference.
13. Plaintiff(s), or the party removing a suit from state court, **MUST SERVE THE OPPOSING PARTY OR PARTIES** with copies of:
 - A. This ORDER FOR CONFERENCE,
 - B. The form for the JOINT DISCOVERY/CASE MANAGEMENT PLAN AS REQUIRED BY RULE 26(f).
 - C. The form for the PROPOSED JOINT SCHEDULING ORDER and CERFICIATE REGARDING GENERATIVE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

The above documents **MUST BE SERVED ALONG WITH THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT.**

14. The parties will be bound by the provisions in this ORDER, the documentation mentioned above, and the dates set out in the scheduling order.
15. Failure to comply with this ORDER may result in sanctions, including dismissal of the action and assessment of expenses.

BY THE ORDER OF THE COURT

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
BROWNSVILLE DIVISION**

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Plaintiff,

v.

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Defendant.

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Civil Action No. 1:24-cv-0____

CERTIFICATE REGARDING GENERATIVE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

I hereby certify that I have read and will comply with all of Judge Rolando Olvera’s local rules related to generative artificial intelligence.

I further certify that no portion of any filing will be drafted by generative artificial intelligence or that any language drafted by generative artificial intelligence—including quotations, citations, paraphrased assertions, and legal analysis—will be checked for accuracy, using print reporters or traditional legal databases, by a person before it is submitted to the Court. I understand that any attorney or pro se litigant who signs any filing here will be held responsible for the contents according to applicable rules of attorney or civil discipline, whether or not generative artificial intelligence drafted any portion of that filing.

Attorney-in-Charge or Pro Se Litigant

Date