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AMENDMENT TO THE RULES OF PROCEDURE AND PRACTICE

IN THE 82ND DISTRICT COURT

FALLS AND ROBERTSON COUNTIES

Pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Texas, the Judicial Administration Act and the Texas Rules of Court, the local rules of practice and procedure adopted by the 82nd Judicial District Court on January 1, 2019 to govern the proper and efficient disposition of all cases in the 82nd Judicial District are hereby AMENDED as set forth herein.

1. Section VII is amended to read as follows:

VII. ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

The use of artificial intelligence, in any form, is prohibited in the 82nd Judicial District without a prior order of the Court granting and authorizing the use of such devices.

2. Section VIII is added to the Rules as follows:

VIII. Use of Zoom

No case will be tried by zoom. All attorneys and witnesses shall appear in person for trial either before a jury or the Court.

In the event counsel wishes to sponsor a witness via zoom at a motion hearing, prior approval from the Court must be obtained and opposing counsel given an opportunity to object. It will be within the Court's discretion to allow a witness to appear by zoom in a motion hearing after good and sufficient cause is presented to the Court. Inconvenience due to distance or traffic will not be good or sufficient cause.

3. Section IX is added to the Rules as follows:

In a case involving the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services and after a duly made request approved by the Court, Counsel may on occasion appear by phone. This convenience will be afforded Counsel on a case by case basis and should be recognized as an exception and not the general rule. All Counsel are normally expected to personally appear in the 82nd Judicial District Court.

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4. Section X (formally section VII) is Amended to read as follows:

X. General Provisions

Amendments of the Rules:

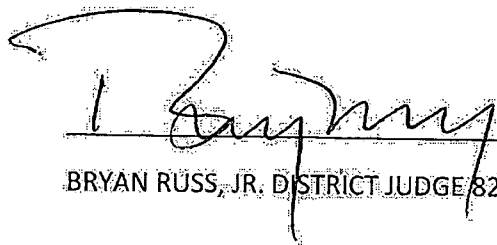
These Rules may be amended from time to time by the Judge of the 82nd Judicial District Court of the State of Texas to carry out the administration of justice in Robertson and Falls Counties.

Enforcement of the Rules:

The Bailiffs of the 82nd Judicial District Court are instructed and authorized to enforce these Rules as they apply to the decorum and safety of the Court. The Judge may enforce these rules using legal and equitable remedies which are both statutorily and inherently within the province of the Court.

*Unless otherwise amended herein the Rule of Practice in the 82nd Judicial District Court remain in full force and effect.

These Amendments are effective September 1, 2024.



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