

**STANDING ORDER REGARDING USE OF ARTIFICIAL
INTELLIGENCE**

Denton County District Courts

This Standing Order of the District Courts of Denton County applies to every pending or hereafter filed case in the District Courts of Denton County. Nothing in this Order should be construed as relieving 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.

Generative artificial intelligence systems (such as ChatGPT, Harvey.AI, Claude, Google Copilot, OpenAI, Bing, Lexis+ AI, Westlaw AI-Assisted Research, Ask Practical Law AI, and others) are being incorporated into common professional use. The abilities of these systems vary widely depending on the application, version, and underlying technology used. While technology is developing quickly, it is currently unreliable, prone to bias, and may fabricate information. The creators of these systems are not attorneys of record, licensed and in good standing to practice law in the State of Texas, and are not bound by the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct.

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 non-frivolous 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, drafting, or analysis in connection with a case before this Court shall, before using any AI-generated information in a court submission or proceeding, sign and submit the attached certification form, stating 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 a human being; and
2. The attorney or self-represented litigant submitting such information understands and acknowledges that they are and will be held responsible and potentially sanctioned for their own, their staff's, or their co-counsel's failure to comply with this Order.

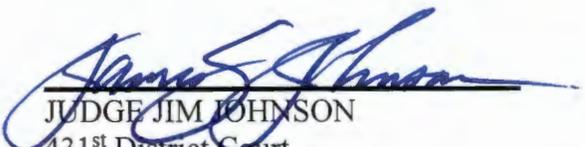
This Order is effective immediately for all cases filed or pending in the Denton County District Courts. This Order remains in effect until rescinded or replaced by the District Courts of Denton County and may be modified or amended at any time.

The Denton County District Clerk is directed to file this Order with the Office of Court Administration, to post it in the county administrative orders, and to ensure that a file-marked copy is posted as a Public Notice at the County Courthouse and on the Denton County District Courts' website.

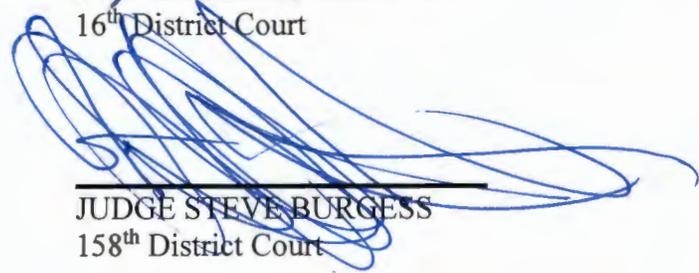
SIGNED this 20th day of October, 2025.



JUDGE SHERRY SHIPMAN
16th District Court



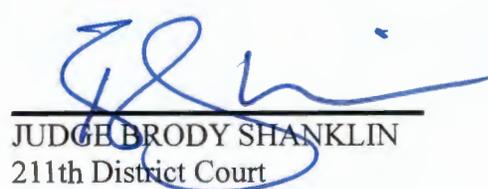
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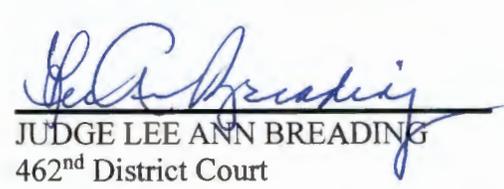
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211th District Court



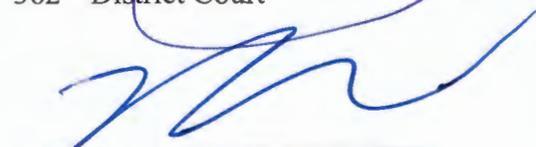
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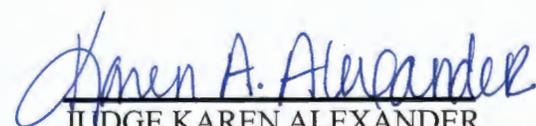
JUDGE DERBHA JONES
467th District Court



JUDGE BRENT HILL
367th District Court



JUDGE MICHAEL DICKENS
477th District Court



JUDGE KAREN ALEXANDER
393rd District Court



JUDGE CRYSTAL LEVONIUS
481st District Court

Exhibit A-Certification Regarding Use of Artificial Intelligence

CAUSE NO. _____

_____	§	IN THE DISTRICT COURT
PLAINTIFF	§	
	§	
v.	§	_____ JUDICIAL DISTRICT
_____	§	
DEFENDANT	§	DENTON COUNTY, TEXAS

CERTIFICATION REGARDING USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

I, the undersigned attorney of record or self-represented litigant in the above-entitled and numbered cause pending in the District Courts of Denton County, Texas, hereby certify as follows:

1. I have reviewed and understand the Standing Order Regarding Use of Artificial Intelligence issued by the Denton County District Courts, and I will comply with that Order throughout this case.
2. Any information created or contributed to by generative artificial intelligence—including, but not limited to, language, quotations, sources, citations, arguments, and legal analysis—was, before submission to this Court, independently verified as accurate using traditional (non-AI) legal sources by a human being.
3. I understand that I remain personally responsible for all filings and submissions to this Court, and that I may be subject to sanctions under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct, the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code Chapter 10, 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 this _____ day of _____, 202__.

[Attorney Name / Self-Represented Litigant]
State Bar No. _____
Attorney for _____
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