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In the County Courts at Law of Hays County, Texas

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER REGARDING THE USE OF
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN COURT FILINGS**

The County Courts at Law of Hays County, Texas, recognize the increasing utilization of generative artificial intelligence (AI), large language models, and automated drafting technologies in legal practice; and

The Court maintains an affirmative obligation to safeguard the integrity of proceedings involving decedents' estates under Title 2 and guardianships under Title 3 of the Texas Estates Code, ensuring that all factual representations, statutory analyses, and citations submitted to the Court are accurate, authentic, and properly verified;

IT IS HEREBY **ORDERED** that the following mandatory standards apply to all attorneys, personal representatives, guardians, applicants, and *pro se* litigants appearing before the Hays County Courts at Law in probate and guardianship proceedings:

1. **Mandatory Disclosure of AI Assistance.** Any motion, brief, response, objection, inventory, account, proposed order, or other legal instrument submitted to the Court that was drafted, composed, or generated in whole or in part using generative artificial intelligence or automated natural language drafting tools must include a prominent **AI Disclosure Statement**.

2. **Placement and Form of Disclosure.** The disclosure must appear immediately preceding the signature block of the filed document in substantially the following form:

"Pursuant to the Hays County Courts at Law Administrative Order Regarding the use of Artificial Intelligence in Court Filings, the undersigned attorney/filer certifies that generative artificial intelligence was utilized in the preparation of this document. The undersigned attorney/filer further certifies that every citation, factual representation, quotation, and statutory reference generated with AI assistance has been independently verified for accuracy, authenticity, and applicability by human review."

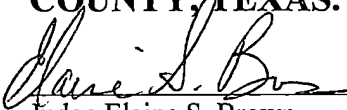
3. **Non-Delegable Duty of Human Verification.** The use of AI does not relieve an attorney of their duties under **Rule 13 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, Chapter 10 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code, or the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct**. Every attorney or self-represented litigant submitting an AI-assisted filing remains personally responsible for:

- a. Verifying that all case citations exist and accurately reflect current, unreversed precedent from the Texas Supreme Court, the Third Court of Appeals, or other binding jurisdictions;
- b. Confirming that all citations to any Texas Statute, the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, and the Texas Rules of Evidence are accurate and current; and
- c. Ensuring that confidential information, trade secrets, or unredacted sensitive data (pursuant to **TRCP Rule 21c**) are not improperly disclosed or processed in violation of client confidentiality or protective orders.

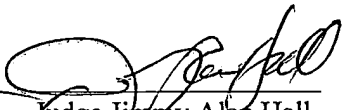
4. **Sanctions for Non-Compliance.** Submitting a document containing fictitious case law, fabricated statutory references, inaccurate legal holdings ("hallucinations"), or failing to disclose the use of generative AI as required in this order may result in:

- a. Striking of the offending pleading, motion, or document;
- b. Disallowance or reduction of attorney's fees sought;
- c. Assessment of monetary sanctions under TRCP Rule 13 or TCRP Chapter 10; or
- d. Contempt proceedings or referral to the State Bar of Texas Chief Disciplinary Counsel.

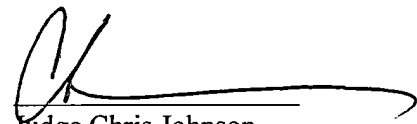
THIS HAYS COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER REGARDING THE USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN COURT FILINGS SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON PUBLICATION ON THE OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION'S WEBSITE AND SHALL GOVERN ALL PROCEEDINGS CURRENTLY PENDING OR SUBSEQUENTLY FILED IN THE COUNTY COURTS AT LAW OF HAYS COUNTY, TEXAS.


Judge Elaine S. Brown
County Court at Law No. 3
Hays County, Texas

Signed: 8/25/26


Judge Jimmy Alan Hall
County Court at Law No. 1
Hays County, Texas

Signed: 8/25/26


Judge Chris Johnson
County Court at Law No. 2
Hays County, Texas

Signed: 8/25/26