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AMENDED STANDING ORDER REGARDING USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
159TH & 217TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
ANGELINA COUNTY

MEAGAN MOORE, DISTRICT CLERK, ANGELINA COUNTY, TX
BY: _____ DEPUTY

This Standing Order of the District Courts of Angelina County applies to every pending or hereafter filed case in the District Courts of Angelina 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.

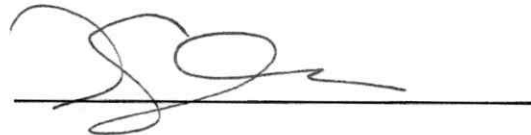
This Order is effective immediately for all cases filed or pending in the Angelina County District Courts. This Order remains in effect until rescinded or replaced by the District Courts of Angelina County and may be modified or amended at any time.

The Angelina 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 Angelina County District Courts website.

Signed this 25th day of September, 2026,

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Todd L. Kassaw, District Judge
159th Judicial District Court

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kristi C. Skillern', written over a horizontal line.

Kristi C. Skillern, District Judge
217th Judicial District Court

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