24th, 135th, 267th and 377th
DISTRICT COURTS' JOINT
STANDING ORDER REGARDING
MANDATORY DISCLOSURES IN TAX CASES

Each Court notes that Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 194.1(a) provides:

> Duty to Disclose. *Except as* exempted by Rule 194.2(d) or as otherwise agreed by the parties or *ordered by the court*, a party must, without awaiting a discovery request, provide to the other parties the information or material described in Rule 194.2, 194.3, and 194.4.

That provision establishes a method for each of these Courts to enter this Standing Order to waive the application of Rule 194 in specific circumstances. After due consideration and in order to maximize judicial efficiency and economy, each Court is of the opinion that tax cases filed under Texas Tax Code Chapters 31-34 should be exempt from the mandatory disclosure requirements set out in Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 194, but further notes that any party in a tax lawsuit under Texas Tax Code Chapters 31-34 that is duly served discovery requests by the opposing party will still be fully and completely obligated to timely respond to any such party-initiated discovery requests. It is:

ORDERED that all parties in tax lawsuits filed under Texas Tax Code Chapters 31-34 in the 24th, 135th, 267th and 377th District Courts are exempt from the mandatory nature of the disclosure rules set out in Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 194.

SIGNED AND ENTERED this the 5th day of March 2021.

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KEMPER STEPHEN WILLIAMS,
LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE
CALHOUN, DEWITT, GOLIAD, JACKSON,
REFUGIO AND VICTORIA COUNTIES