

Judge's Standing Order No. 28
Withdrawal of Counsel

No attorney of record shall be permitted to withdraw from any case without presenting a Motion to Withdraw and obtaining from the Court an Order granting leave to withdraw. When withdrawal is made at the request of or on agreement with the Defendant, such motion shall be accompanied by the Defendant's written consent to withdrawal or a certificate by a substituting lawyer that another lawyer has been retained by the Defendant in the case.

In the event the Defendant does not consent, a copy of the motion to withdraw shall be mailed by certified and regular first-class mail to the last known address of the Defendant with an accompanying notice advising the Defendant that the motion will be presented to the Court on or after a certain date and time not less than ten (10) days after mailing the letter. Notice shall also advise that any objection to such withdrawal should be made to the Court in writing before such time. A copy of the notice to the Defendant shall be attached to the motion to withdraw.

Unless otherwise allowed, no motion to withdraw shall be presented within twenty (20) days of the trial date or at such time as to cause a delay of trial. After leave to withdraw is granted, the withdrawing attorney shall advise the Defendant of the withdrawal by regular mail, stating any settings for trial or otherwise, and advising the defendant of the right to secure other counsel.

Notice shall also be sent to counsel for the State and to the Clerk of the Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED on this 5th day of January 2023.

Diane Dupnik
Justice of the Peace, Pct 1,
Aransas County, TX.