21ST JUDICIAL DISTRICT, 335TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, 423RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT, AND 465TH DISTRICT COURTS OF BASTROP COUNTY, TEXAS
GENERAL ORDERS

STANDING ORDER REGARDING USE OF
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

No party to any lawsuit has requested this Order. Rather, this Order is a standing Order of the 21ST Judicial District, 335TH Judicial District, 423RD Judicial District, and the 465th District Courts of Bastrop County, Texas that applies to all causes filed in the Bastrop County District Clerk's Office in Bastrop County, Texas.

This Standing Order of the 21ST Judicial District, 335TH Judicial District, 423RD Judicial District, and the 465th District Courts of Bastrop County, Texas, applies to every pending or hereafter filed cases in the 21ST Judicial District, 335TH Judicial District, 423RD Judicial District, and the 465th District Courts of Bastrop County, Texas. Nothing in this Order should be construed as to relieve 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, Google Bard, TensorFlow, Open AI, Bing, and many others) are being incorporated into common professional use. The abilities of these systems vary widely depending on the application, version, and specific underlying technology used. While the technology is developing quickly, it is currently unreliable and prone to bias, and often fabricates 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 nonfrivolous 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 courts on their 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 attorneys and self-represented litigants who utilize any form of artificial intelligence for legal research or drafting in connection with a case shall before using any AI-generated information in a court submission or proceeding sign and submit the attached form certifying that:

1. All language, quotations, sources, citations, arguments, and legal analysis created by or contributed to by generative artificial intelligence were before submission verified as accurate through traditional (non-AI) legal sources by an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Texas, and
2. That the person understands and acknowledges that they are and will be held responsible and potentially sanctioned for their or their co-counsel's failure to comply with this Order.

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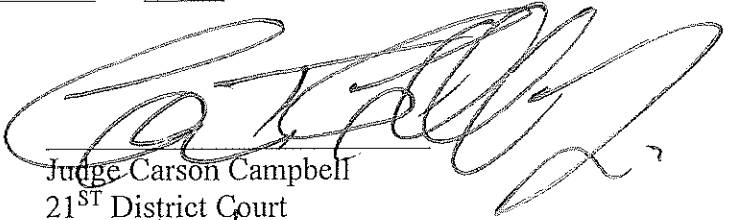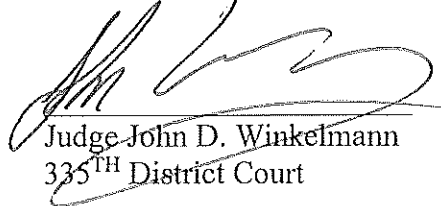
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District Clerk, Bastrop County

This Order is effective immediately for all cases filed or pending in the 21ST Judicial District, 335TH Judicial District, 423RD Judicial District, and the 465th District Courts in Bastrop County, Texas. This Order remains in effect until rescinded or replaced by the 21ST Judicial District, 335TH Judicial District, 423RD Judicial District, and the 465th District Courts of Bastrop County, Texas. This Order is subject to modification or amendment by the undersigned at any time.
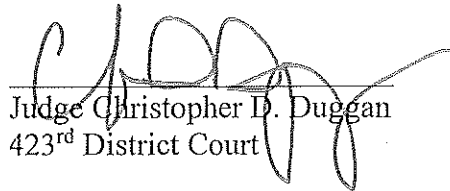
This Order shall be posted on the Bastrop County website https://www.co.bastrop.tx.us and the district clerk of Bastrop County is hereby directed to file this Order with the Office of Court Administration and in the county administrative orders of the Court, and to post a filed-marked copy of this Order as a Public Notice at the Bastrop County Courthouse.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Signed on this ___12th___ day of ___Febru___ , 20_25_ .

Judge Carson Campbell
21ST District Court

Judge John D. Winkelmann
335TH District Court

Judge Christopher D. Duggan
423rd District Court

Judge Elizabeth F. Beyer
465th District Court

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CAUSE NO._____

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VS.	§	COURT OF
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_____	§	BASTROP COUNTY, TEXAS

CERTIFICATION REGARDING USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLENGENCE

I, an attorney or self-represented litigant, in the _____ Judicial District Court, hereby certify as follows:

1. I have reviewed and understand the District Court's Standing Order Regarding Use of Artificial Intelligence, and I will comply with the Standing Order throughout this case.

2. All information created or contributed to by generative artificial intelligence, including language, quotations, sources, citations, arguments, and legal analysis, was verified as accurate using traditional (non-AI) legal sources by a human being, before submission to this Court.

3. I understand that I will be held responsible and subject to possible sanction under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct, Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code Chapter 10, and the inherent power of the Court, or for contempt of court, for failing to comply with the District Court's Standing Order or this certification.

Signed on this the _____ day of _____, 20____.

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[Attorney or Self-Represented Litigant's name]