21ST JUDICIAL DISTRICT and 335TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURTS OF BURLESON, LEE and WASHNGTON COUNTY, TEXAS GENERAL ORDERS

STANDING ORDER REGARDING CELL PHONES AND ELECTRONIC RECORDING DEVICES

No party to any lawsuit has requested this Order. Rather, this Order is a standing Order of the 21ST Judicial District and 335TH Judicial District Courts of Burleson, Lee and Washington County, Texas and applies to all hearings and trials in Burleson, Lee and Washington County, Texas district courts.

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.

Individuals may bring cell phones into any courtroom in which a District Court is conducting any hearing and/or trial. For security reasons, however, individuals may be asked to demonstrate his or her cellular telephone to a Court Security Officer, bailiff or other law enforcement officer that the device works as intended.

The photographing, recording, broadcasting or televising of any person, object proceeding inside the courtroom in which a District Court is conducting any hearing and/or trial is not permitted, unless authorized by the court. [See Rule No. 1.18 of the Local Rules for District Courts]. Court Security Officers, bailiffs and other law enforcement officers shall be extra vigilant in ensuring that cellular telephones with camera capabilities, cameras, or other recording devices are not used to photograph, record, broadcast, or televise any person, object or proceeding. Any individual who violates this Order may be subject to being removed from the courtroom and having his or her electronic device temporarily forfeited to the Court Security Officers, bailiffs, or other law enforcement officers.

Cellular telephones must be turned off while inside any courtroom.

Cellular telephones may be used outside of the courtrooms provided that they are used in a reasonable and non-disruptive manner.

Each District Court reserves the right to modify or waive this Order on a case-by-case basis.

This Standing Order is not applicable to attorneys and their staff.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Signed on this 19th day of March, 2025.

Judge Carson Campbell 21ST District Court

Judge John D Winkelmann 335TH District Court