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**STANDING ORDER OF THE 127TH DISTRICT COURT REGARDING
ELECTRONIC FILING**

Upon the Court's own motion, and in accordance with the Local Rules of the Harris County Civil District Courts Concerning the Electronic Filing of Court Documents,

1. DESIGNATION OF E-FILE CASES

IT IS ORDERED that as of **Monday, January 4, 2010**, all cases in the 127th District Court, shall be and are hereby designated electronic filing ("e-file") cases.¹ It is the intent of the Court that this Order conform with the Harris County Local Rules of the District Courts Concerning the Electronic Filing of Court Documents while still mandating the electronic filing of documents in all cases (except as listed in section 3, below).

2. LIMITATION ON DISCOVERY FILINGS

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order does not alter Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 191.4 regarding the filing of discovery materials. Except by a separate, express written Order by this Court, neither the request nor responses shall be filed nor need to be filed. Certificates of written discovery shall continue to be filed (electronically), in accordance with this Order.

3. NO PAPER FILINGS RECEIVED; EXCEPTIONS

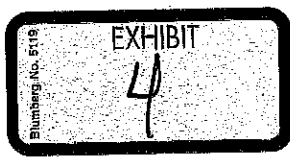
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the District Clerk shall not receive any petitions, applications, pleadings, or other documents whatsoever in e-file cases in paper form, except for filings by *pro se* parties or parties expressly granted a waiver, by signed written order of the Court. If the District Clerk receives a paper filing in an e-file case, the Clerk is ORDERED to return the paper filing to the purported filer with a notification that the case is to be e-filed and that no paper filings can be received, filed-stamped, or scanned.

¹ At the current time, the only method to e-file is *via* a Texas On-Line vendor; however, in the future, if other methods of e-filing become available, the Parties are free to use any method available. Further, the Court is not mandating service under Rule 21a by the e-file process. Tex. R. Civ. P. 21a. Although service via the e-file process is highly recommended, service can be accomplished in accordance with Rule 21a. *Id.*

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Loren Jackson
District Clerk

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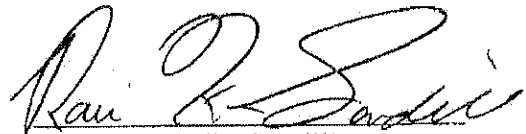
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7. PLAINTIFF RESPONSIBLE FOR NOTIFYING ALL PARTIES

Plaintiff in the lawsuit shall ensure that all parties, whenever added to the lawsuit, are aware of the existence of this Order and must be capable of demonstrating by competent evidence of notice to all other parties. Notice may be in writing, by delivering a copy of the Order to the Parties, or by e-mail, which directs the parties to this Court's website containing the Order.

Signed the 20th day of November, 2009.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rau R Sandill", written over a horizontal line.

Honorable R.K. Sandill,
Judge, 127th District Court