August 03, 2023

CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT

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FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
EL PASO DIVISION

BY:

IN RE: ERIK SALAIZ

ORDER

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On this day, the Court considered the status of litigation initiated by Mr. Erik Salaiz in the El Paso Division of the Western District of Texas. Since 2021, Mr. Salaiz has initiated over seventy lawsuits in this Division. And as of the date of this Order, approximately fourteen of those lawsuits remain pending. Mr. Salaiz has initiated all of these cases manually and filed all subsequent documents therein on paper. And the Court has provided him with notice of all of its orders via certified mail. Doing so in the many cases to which Mr. Salaiz is a party has required a significant expenditure of limited, taxpayer-funded resources.

Ordinarily, pro se litigants may only be granted permission to register as users in the Court's CM/ECF electronic filing system on a case-by-case basis. But the Court finds that Mr. Salaiz's uncommonly heavy caseload warrants an exception to that policy. Mr. Salaiz has informed the Court that he has access to all of the technology required to file and accept service of all case documents electronically. *See* Pl.'s Resp. to Order, *Salaiz v. Prosperity Life Ins. Grp., LLC*, No. 3:23-cv-217-KC (W.D. Tex. Aug. 1, 2023), ECF No. 17.

Accordingly, it is **ORDERED** that Mr. Erik Salaiz shall contact the Clerk's Office of this Division to **REGISTER** as a filing user with the Court's CM/ECF electronic filing system, by no later than September 4, 2023.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that once registered, Mr. Salaiz shall INITIATE all new cases, FILE all documents with the Court, and ACCEPT service of all Court Orders and documents filed by other parties, electronically through the CM/ECF system.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Salaiz shall comply with the

Administrative Policies and Procedures for Electronic Filing in Civil and Criminal

Cases of the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas.¹

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk's Office shall mail a copy of this Order to Mr. Salaiz at his current address on file, via certified mail, return receipt requested. The Clerk's office shall retain this original Order in its records.

Mr. Salaiz is **CAUTIONED** that this Order may be rescinded at any time and for any reason, including in the event that he abuses his privileges through harassing, excessive, or otherwise unprofessional filings.

Mr. Salaiz is **FURTHER CAUTIONED** that all deadlines in the pending cases to which he is a party remain in effect. To the extent that any deadlines may

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¹ Found at https://www.txwd.uscourts.gov/wp-content/uploads/CMECF/Policy%20and%20Procedure/Administrative%20Policies%20and%20Procedures%20for%20Electronic%20Filing%20In%20Civil%20and%20Criminal%20Cases%20062421.pdf?_t=1557763901

elapse prior to Mr. Salaiz's completion of registration for electronic filing, he must file documents via mail or in person to comply with said deadlines.

Mr. Salaiz is **FURTHER CAUTIONED** that once registered as a user with the Court's electronic filing system, he will **NO LONGER** receive paper copies of Court orders through the mail.

SO ORDERED.

SIGNED on this 3rd day of August, 2023.

KATHLEEN CARDONE U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE

DAVID BRIONES

SENIOR U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE

FRANK MONTALVO

SENIOR U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE

DAVID C. GUADERRAMA

SENIOR U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE