

THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
DEL RIO DIVISION

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**STANDING ORDER CLARIFYING PROCEDURE FOR REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS
FOR ADMISSION TO PRACTICE THROUGH THE DEL RIO DIVISION**

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(3), United States Magistrate Judge Matthew Watters and United States Magistrate Judge Joseph Cordova are hereby authorized to review applications and order the acceptance or rejection of all attorneys who seek admission to the bar of the Western District of Texas through the Del Rio Division. Judge Watters and Judge Cordova are also authorized to issue orders allowing attorneys admitted through the Del Rio Division to take the attorney's oath outside of Del Rio whenever necessary for the convenience of the attorney.

In its Standing Order Revising the Policy for Admission of Attorneys in the Del Rio Division dated January 4, 2011, this Court stated that “[a]pplicants in the Del Rio Division must [] have served as first or second chair in at least three felony jury trials or be otherwise qualified as determined by the committee on admissions with the agreement of the senior resident district judge.” Standing Order at 2, Jan. 4, 2011. Judicial resources will be most efficiently and prudently utilized by allowing Judge Watters and Judge Cordova to oversee the admission of attorneys to this Court, including attorneys seeking to be admitted as “otherwise qualified.”

Therefore, it is hereby **ORDERED** that Judge Watters and Judge Cordova are authorized to issue an order of admission or rejection for any applicant to the bar of the Western District of Texas through this Division. To aid in the discharge of this duty, Judge Watters and Judge Cordova may consult with the Del Rio Division's Committee on Admissions to determine if an applicant is qualified to practice before this Court. It is further **ORDERED** that Judge Watters and

Judge Cordova may issue orders allowing newly admitted attorneys to take the attorney's oath at a location outside Del Rio whenever appropriate. As provided by Local Rule AT-1(d)(3), an applicant who is not recommended for admission may seek review of the admission decision from the resident district judge of this Division by filing a request for review within thirty (30) days of the attorney's receipt of notice of rejection.

SIGNED this 16th day of November, 2023.


ALIA MOSES
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE