

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
EL PASO DIVISION**

HONORABLE ANNE T. BERTON           §  
  §                   **All Social Security Appeals**  
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**STANDING ORDER REGARDING THE FILING OF  
BRIEFS IN SOCIAL SECURITY APPEALS**

Thirty (30) days after the filing of Defendant’s answer and a certified copy of the transcript and record of administrative proceedings, whichever is later, Plaintiff shall file and serve a brief containing:

1. **A statement of the case.** This statement should indicate briefly the course of the proceeding and its disposition at the administrative level and should set forth a general statement of the facts. Each statement of fact shall be supported by reference to the page in the record where the evidence may be found.
2. **A statement of the issues.** This statement should include a list of specific errors which Plaintiff claims were committed by the Administrative Law Judge or the Appeals Council.
3. **Plaintiff’s Argument.** This section should include Plaintiff’s arguments pertaining to each error with appropriate citations to the record and to the law.

Thirty (30) days after the filing of Plaintiff’s brief, Defendant shall file and serve a brief which responds specifically to each issue raised by Plaintiff. Defendant’s brief shall conform to the requirements set forth above, except that a statement of the issues and a statement of the case need not be made unless Defendant disagrees with Plaintiff’s statement thereof.

Within ten (10) days after the filing of Defendant’s brief, Plaintiff may file and serve a brief in reply. The Court may schedule oral arguments on all or selected issues at a later time.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

**SIGNED and ENTERED** this 28th day of March, 2018.



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**ANNE T. BERTON  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**