

## 134th JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT Hon. Dale B. Tillery District Judge

## **Standing Order Regarding Trial Exhibits**

As entered, the 28th day of December 2021

This Order is a Standing Order of the 134<sup>th</sup> District Court of Dallas County, Texas and applies to all civil cases where the parties anticipate that they will collectively list **thirty (30)** or more exhibits on their respective trial exhibit lists or, regardless of the parties' expectations, where the actual exhibit lists of the parties collectively list **thirty (30)** or more exhibits.

This Standing Order does **not** apply to any motor vehicle personal injury case unless specifically required by the Court.

The purpose of this Standing Order is to facilitate the use of evidence during trial and jury deliberations. To further those ends, the Court specifies the following procedures:

1. At the close of the evidence, the parties shall jointly upload all **admitted** exhibits to an external jump drive ("jump drive").

2. The exhibits shall be in contained in electronic "folders" labelled for each party as such:



3. In a multi-party case, the parties may segregate and list exhibits by party in a format similar to this:



4. Within each folder, each party's exhibits should be listed sequentially and labelled simply as "Exhibit (insert number)" as the following illustrates:



5. It is the joint responsibility of the parties to prepare the jump drive and ensure that it contains all <u>admitted</u> exhibits. No party shall include any exhibit on the jump drive that was not admitted into evidence by the Court.

6. All exhibits on the jump drive must be identical to the actual hard copy

exhibit admitted into evidenced by the Court. No exhibit on the jump drive shall

contain any stray markings or writing unless such markings or writing are on the

original exhibit admitted into evidence.

Document exhibits shall be in PDF format and must be identical to the

actual exhibit admitted. Audio exhibits (recordings, voicemails or similar) shall be

in MPEG format and shall be identical to the audio played during the trial. Video

file exhibits must also be in MPEG format and shall be identical to the video file

played during trial.

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8. The parties shall be jointly responsible for ensuring that any audio or

video files can be played or viewed on the laptop that will be provided to the jury.

9. Only admitted exhibits shall be included on the jump drive.

Demonstratives must not be included. Demonstrative exhibits shall not be included

on the exhibit jump drive without a written order of the Court authorizing

demonstrative exhibits to be included on the exhibit jump drive.

10. The completed jump drive shall be provided to the Court Reporter so that

it may be provided to the jury for their deliberations.

11. The jump drive will be retained by the Court Reporter, who shall

use it for purposes of preparing the record in connection with any appeal.

Hon. Dale B. Tillery

Judge of the 134th Judicial

District Court of Texas