

255TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT JUDGE VONDA BAILEY, PRESIDING GEORGE L. ALLEN, SR. COURTS BUILDING, 4TH FLOOR 600 COMMERCE STREET DALLAS, TEXAS 75202

STANDING RECUSAL ORDER

RE: Attorney Michelle May O'Neil, Texas State Bar Number, 13260900

Pursuant to my inherent authority and in the interest of ensuring the impartial and efficient administration of justice, I hereby enter the following Standing Recusal Order regarding the appearance of Attorney Michelle May O'Neil before this Court.

Findings

- 1. Attorney Michelle May O'Neil has appeared before this Court in multiple matters.
- 2. During such appearances, this Court observed conduct that raised serious concerns regarding professional conduct with this Attorney O'Neil's demeanor, candor, and courtroom decorum.
- 3. Recusal hearings were set for June 25, 2025 at 10:30AM on two cases (DF-20-03505-Enforcement Proceeding; and DF-23-15918-Divorce Without Children) where Attorney O'Neil was not listed as the attorney of record or participated in any prior proceedings on those cases. Immediately before the hearings, at approximately 9:22AM, Attorney O'Neil filed a Notice of Appearance designating herself as "...counsel supervising the matter" on DF-23-15918.
- 4. Although a formal disciplinary action by the Texas State Bar is no longer pending or has been adjudicated against Attorney O'Neil for the concerns expressed above, the Court finds that the continued appearance of this attorney in the 255th Associate and District Court could give rise to reasonable questions concerning impartiality and would undermine public confidence in the integrity of the judicial process.

<u>Order</u>

Accordingly, effective immediately, I hereby recuse the 255th Associate and District Court from presiding over any case in which Attorney Michelle May O'Neil, Texas State Bar Number 13260900, appears as counsel of record or otherwise participates in proceedings before this Court.

This Standing Recusal Order shall remain in effect unless and until expressly rescinded or modified by subsequent order of this Court.

DATE:

June 25, 2025

signed: Vonda Bailey