

## Judge Albright's Latest Changes to His Order Governing Procedures

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Judge Albright announced his latest changes to his Order Governing Procedures (OGP), which are now published on the Western District of Texas website [here](#).

Here are the highlights:

- **DISCOVERY DISPUTES.** For any party seeking a motion to compel discovery, Judge Albright now requires counsel to first email a summary of the issue(s) and specific relief requested to opposing counsel – not to exceed 500 words. The responding party will have three business days to provide a response under the same word limit. If there are multiple disputed items, parties are now encouraged to use a table format identifying the issues and specific relief requested. Once opposing counsel responds, the requesting party must email the responsible law clerk (or – if the assigned law clerk is not known – [TXWDml\\_Lawclerks\\_JudgeAlbright@txwd.uscourts.gov](mailto:TXWDml_Lawclerks_JudgeAlbright@txwd.uscourts.gov)) a combined email with the summary positions from both sides. From there, the Court may either provide guidance or arrange a separate hearing for additional argument.
- **GENERAL ISSUES.** Judge Albright now stresses that email is the preferred contact method for his chambers. He instructs parties to use the following email address: [TXWDml\\_LawClerks\\_JudgeAlbright@txwd.uscourts.gov](mailto:TXWDml_LawClerks_JudgeAlbright@txwd.uscourts.gov).
- **MOTION TO TRANSFER.** Judge Albright has extended the deadline for Reply briefs from seven days to 14 days on receipt of the Response brief.
- **DAUBERT MOTIONS AND MOTIONS IN LIMINE.** Judge Albright allows for unlimited *Daubert* motions and Motions *in limine* (MILs). However, absent leave of the Court, the cumulative page limit for Opening Briefs for motions for summary judgment and *Daubert* motions may not exceed 40 pages per side and for MILs, 15 pages per side. Further, responses to motions for summary judgment, *Daubert*, and MILs are limited to the pages utilized in opening briefs or by the local rules, whichever is greater. Reply brief page limits are strictly governed by the local rules.

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