

GENERAL ORDER 20-12

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS**


**GENERAL ORDER ALLOWING TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF ORIGINAL
SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT ON APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS**

In response to the recent public health challenges wrought by coronavirus within the United States and the State of Texas, and due to the resulting social distancing and teleworking, attorneys seeking admission to practice within the Eastern District of Texas have encountered hardships obtaining original notarized signatures on their applications for admission as required by Local Rule AT-1.

Therefore, to address such hardships (on a temporary basis) the Court hereby SUSPENDS the original notarized signature requirement for a period of ninety (90) calendar days from this date, and DIRECTS the Clerk of Court to accept and process applications for admission to practice with electronic signatures thereon, during such time period. Unless extended or earlier terminated by subsequent order, this General Order shall expire automatically ninety (90) days from hereafter.

FOR THE COURT:

SO ORDERED and SIGNED this 26th day of May, 2020.



RODNEY GILSTRAP
CHIEF JUDGE