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

GENERAL ORDER REGARDING DOCUMENT REQUESTS

The clerk's office is hereby authorized to provide copies of the following documents, without charge, as follows:

1. To pro se petitioners (or prospective petitioners) in habeas corpus cases, as well as pro se defendants in criminal cases:

Documents regarding the requester's own

- a. Indictment, whether sealed or unsealed
- b. Judgment and commitment order
- c. Sealed presentence investigation report
- d. Sealed plea agreement
- e. Docket report
- 2. To employees of state, federal, and municipal courts and agencies:
 - a. Specified unsealed civil or criminal federal court documents
 - b. Certified versions of those documents, if requested

This delegation of authority is intended to (a) relieve the Court of the need to rule on an increasing number of requests to provide documents without charge, and (b) provide court customers with documents when they have limited or no ability to pay for them.

Document requests pursuant to this order should be limited in nature; i.e., no more than 50 pages. The clerk's office may require a party who requests documents in excess of 50 pages to pay for the additional pages at the usual rate.

Signed this 31 day of July, 2012.

FOR THE COURT:

LEONARD DAVIS Chief Judge