

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
DALLAS DIVISION

_____, §
Petitioner, §
V. § Civil Action No. _____
§ ECF
_____, Director, § (Death Penalty Case)
Texas Department of Criminal Justice §
Correctional Institutions Division, §
Respondent. §

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE AND INSTRUCTIONS TO PARTIES

An application for writ of habeas corpus, numbered and styled as above, has been filed in this Court pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 2254. Accordingly, this Court orders as follows:

RESPONDENT’S ANSWER: Respondent is directed to answer the petition within **sixty (60) days** of the date of this order, answering in substance as required by Rule 5 of the Rules Governing 28 U.S.C. § 2254 Cases in the United States District Courts. A true copy of the answer or other pleading shall be served on Applicant by mailing such instruments to his attorney of record. Respondent shall file a certificate with the Clerk evidencing such service, and a copy of the relevant state court records when he files his answer or is otherwise directed by the Court.

REPLY PLEADINGS: Applicant may file a reply, provided it is filed with the Clerk not more than **thirty (30) days** after the date of the certificate of service shown on the answer or other pleading. A reply must be limited to the arguments raised in the answer or other pleading and shall not include any new allegations of fact or new grounds for relief. Petitioner shall mail a copy of any reply to counsel for Respondent.

BRIEFS: Briefs, as required or permitted by the provisions of this paragraph, should be double-spaced. Each argument with supporting citations in the brief should clearly specify the ground of the petition or numbered paragraph of the pleading it seeks to support or oppose. A copy of any brief must be properly served on the attorney of record for the opposing party and a certificate reflecting such service shall be included in the brief.

SERVICE OF PETITION AND ORDER: This Order, copies of the petition, attachments, supporting brief, if any, and all other orders will be served electronically upon the Texas Attorney General as counsel for Respondent to the attention of the capital litigation division. The Clerk shall mail a true copy of this order to Petitioner or to his attorney of record.

SIGNED on [date].

UNITED STATES _____ JUDGE