

CAUSE NO. 2025-72470

Candace Louise Curtis,	§	IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
Plaintiff	§	
v.	§	THE 269th JUDICIAL DISTRICT
	§	
Carl Henry Brunsting,	§	HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS
Bobbie G. Bayless (and law Firm)	§	
Anita Brunsting	§	
Stephen Mendel (and law Firm)	§	
Amy Brunsting	§	
Neal Spielman (and law Firm)	§	
Carole Brunsting	§	
Bruse Loyd (and law Firm)	§	
Cory Reed (and law Firm)	§	
Candace Kunz-Freed (and law Firm)	§	
Defendants	§	

NOTICE REGARDING ELECTRONIC NOTICE OF COURT ORDERS IN TEXAS DISTRICT COURTS

On October 14, 2025 this Court issued a sua sponte Order Setting Hearing on Jurisdiction to which all parties were to file briefs, responses, replies and any other instrument or memorandum providing the court with guidance on the issue of jurisdiction before the submission date. The Order was docketed by the clerk on October 20, 2025 and hearing was set for the Court's submission docket on October 27, 2025. Plaintiff did not receive electronic notice of this order.

In a phone discussion with the 269th Judicial District Court Clerk on what appeared to be a dysfunction with the electronic filing system Plaintiff was informed that when the court issues an Order the parties do not receive notice electronically.

My subsequent research on this issue tells me that the clerk I spoke with was very much mistaken. The Texas Supreme Court has issued binding rules and orders requiring clerks to electronically serve orders and judgments to parties and attorneys whose email addresses are on file with the electronic filing manager. Specifically, Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 21a provides:

“A document filed electronically under Rule 21 must be served electronically through the electronic filing manager if the email address of the party or attorney to be served is on file with the electronic filing manager.” (Tex. R. Civ. P. 21a(a)(1))

Furthermore, Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 21(f)(10) states:

“The clerk may send notices, orders, or other communications about the case to the party electronically.” (Tex. R. Civ. P. 21(f)(10))

On April 1, 2024, the Texas Supreme Court issued Final Approval of Amendments to Rules 21, 165a, 239a, 246, 297, 299, 299a, and 306a, and Rule 2.7 of the Statewide Rules Governing Electronic Filing in Criminal Cases. That order mandates:

“Clerks must send orders and judgments to the parties electronically within 24 hours after the order or judgment is signed.” (Supreme Court of Texas, Misc. Docket No. 24-9030)

While a temporary exception exists for courts not yet integrated with the efilings platform, the Supreme Court’s order clarifies that even under that exception, clerks are still required to send orders electronically within 24 hours.

The State Bar of Texas and the Electronic Filing Rules for the Supreme Court of Texas confirm that electronic service is complete upon transmission through the electronic filing service provider, provided the recipient’s email address is on file.

Therefore, the assertion that parties do not receive electronic notice of court orders is inconsistent with the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, the Supreme Court's directives, and the design of the statewide e-filing system.

I respectfully request that the Court and Clerk ensure compliance with these rules and confirm that all parties receive timely electronic notice of orders issued in this matter.

Respectfully submitted.

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11/11/2025

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I. Certificate of Service

I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing instrument was served on the following parties via the court's electronic filing system as required by law on this 10th day of November 2025.

Defendant Amy Ruth Brunsting, 2582 Country Ledge, New Braunfels, Texas 78132 At.home3@yahoo.com	Defendant Anita Kay Brunsting 801 Bassington Ct. Pflugerville Texas 78660 akbrunsting@outlook.com
Defendant Carl Henry Brunsting 23410 Saxon Way, Hockley, TX 77447 Houston, Texas 77081 drinabrunsting@sbcglobal.net	Defendant Bobbie G. Bayless Bayless & Stokes 2931 Ferndale St. Houston, Texas 77098 bayless@baylessstokes.com

<p>Defendant Stephen A. Mendel The Mendel Law Firm L.P. 1155 Dairy Ashford, Suite 104 Houston, TX 77079 info@mendellawfirm.com</p> <p>Defendant Carole Ann Brunsting 5822 Jason St. Houston, Texas 77074 cbrunsting@sbcglobal.net</p> <p>Defendant Candace Kunz-Freed 9545 Katy Freeway, Suite 390, Houston, Texas 77024 candace@freedlawyer.com</p>	<p>Defendant Neal Spielman Griffin & Matthews 1155 Dairy Ashford, Suite 300 Houston, Texas 77079 nspielman@grifmatlaw.com</p> <p>Defendant John Bruster Loyd Jones, Gillaspia & Loyd, L.L.P. 4400 Post Oak Pkwy, Suite 2360 Houston, TX 77027 bruse@jgl-law.com</p> <p>Defendant Cory Reed One Riverway, Suite 1400 Houston. Texas 77056 creed@thompsoncoe.com</p>
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All parties have now been served and the return of service for each have been filed with one exception. The process server has made diligent efforts to serve Defendant Cory Reed but has thus far been unsuccessful. Mr. Reed, the partner in charge of the Houston office of the Thompson Coe Firm, will be noticed of this filing via email at creed@thompsoncoe.com.

Respectfully submitted,

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