

**August 27, 2026****KAREN MITCHELL  
CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT  
COURT****IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
DALLAS DIVISION**

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**SPECIAL ORDER NO. 5-635**

This Order supersedes Special Order No. 5-622. Duty judge assignments for the period September 2026 through June 2028 shall be as follows:

| <u>FOR THE MONTHS OF</u> | <u>JUDGE</u>       |
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| September – October 2026 | Sam A. Lindsay     |
| November – December 2026 | Ed Kinkeade        |
| January – February 2027  | Karen Gren Scholer |
| March – April 2027       | Brantley Starr     |
| May – June 2027          | Sam A. Lindsay     |
| July – August 2027       | Ed Kinkeade        |
| September – October 2027 | Karen Gren Scholer |
| November – December 2027 | Brantley Starr     |
| January – February 2028  | Sam A. Lindsay     |
| March – April 2028       | Ed Kinkeade        |
| May – June 2028          | Karen Gren Scholer |

Duty judge responsibilities include, but are not limited to: (1) supervising grand jury proceedings; (2) ruling on an application for the installation and use of a pen register or trap and trace device; (3) hearing and determining an application for a temporary restraining order, motion for detention, or an appeal from a ruling thereon, or other similar emergency matter when the presiding judge is unavailable through absence or illness; and (4) reviewing and determining an out-of-district application for admission to practice in the Northern District of Texas.

The clerk will furnish a copy of this Order to the United States Attorney, United States District and Magistrate Judges, United States Marshals Service, and United States Probation Office.

**SO ORDERED.**

August 27, 2026

  
REED O'CONNOR  
CHIEF JUDGE