

1. **Respondent's brief.** Respondent may file such brief as he may deem appropriate.
2. **Reply brief.** A reply brief is not required. However, in any case in which Respondent has filed a brief, a reply brief may be filed by Petitioner, should he wish to do so, within a period of 30 days following service of Respondent's brief. Each paragraph of such reply brief must specify the precise paragraph or part of Respondent's brief to which reply is being made, and must be limited to a reply to Respondent's argument. Under no circumstances will any statement or argument set forth in an original or reply brief be considered as a part of the pleadings so as to advance new grounds for relief or to supplement any grounds or supporting facts set out in the petition.

In every case a copy of the petition and any order shall be served on the Respondent and the Attorney General, unless an agreement has been reached with the Attorney General providing for alternative means of service.¹ A true copy of this Order shall be mailed to Petitioner or his attorney of record.

After docketing, and issuance of process, this action shall be referred to Magistrate Judge Charles Bleil for further proceedings and/or findings and recommendation.

SIGNED July 10, 2006.

/s/ Charles Bleil
CHARLES BLEIL
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

¹Based upon communication with the Texas Attorney General's Office, this Court will not serve copies of the petition, attachments, and orders upon Director Douglas Dretke. Instead, copies of the petition, attachments, and orders will be served electronically upon the Texas Attorney General, counsel for Dretke, and will be directed to the attention of Elizabeth Goettert, Assistant Attorney General, Postconviction Litigation Division, P. O. Box 12548, Austin, TX 78711-2548. *See* FED. R. CIV. P. 5(b)(2)(D).