**The Business Court of Texas,**

**[\_\_] Division**

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| [Plaintiff(s)],  *Plaintiff(s),*  v.  [Defendant(s)],  *Defendant(s)*. | §  §  §  §  §  §  § | Cause No. [\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_] |

**Joint Advisory on Early Legal Issues**

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The parties suggest that the following legal issues should be decided by the Court and can be resolved early in the case to narrow the issues, facilitate settlement, or otherwise increase efficiency or expedite resolution of the case:

1. [identify legal issue] ([all parties/plaintiff/defendant(s)])
2. [identify legal issue] ([all parties/plaintiff/defendant(s)])
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